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A NAKED FLAGPOLE

MARYVILLE CALLED DOWN FOR NOT DISPLAYING COLORS

LETTER FROM SAMMIES

Funston Boys at Home Thanksgiving Found 'Old Glory' Absent—Mayor Robey Acknowledges Neglect

The following letter which, despite the fact that the writer takes pains to say that "no rebuke is intended," is a reflection on the spirit of patriotism of the people of Maryville, was received by the Democrat-Forum today:

Camp Funston, Dec. 5, 1917.

To the Democrat-Forum:

We, the soldiers that were home Thanksgiving Day, wish that the following may be brought to the attention of the people of Maryville, to show them a part of their patriotic duty in which they appear to be lacking.

It is a soldier's first duty to salute the flag, and soldiers visiting Maryville on Thanksgiving day, noticing the nice flag staff that Maryville erected, would prepare to salute the flag, when much to their surprise found the flag staff naked. This is not intended for a rebuke, or anything of that sort, but just as a reminder that Maryville has a good many young men serving Uncle Sam, and it would please these young men very much, if they knew that Maryville was flying the stars and stripes daily, in honor of the Great United States, and of Maryville's boys who are serving this great country.

(By) SOLDIERS OF MARYVILLE.

Mayor A. S. Robey, when seen this afternoon, said that he had taken on himself the duty of putting up the flag each day, but that sometimes in the press of other business it was overlooked. He said that on Thanksgiving Day he came down town late and that the flag was not hoisted until three o'clock in the afternoon. Mayor Robey also said that the flags on both the post office and court house buildings were frequently missing from the top of the staff and that on Thanksgiving day this was the case and was noted by several citizens.

ICE SKATING IS GOOD NOW

Has Frozen to a Thickness of Four Inches — Skaters Flock to the Lakes and Ponds

Hardware dealers were besieged with calls for skates this morning, following the cold spell, for ice has covered the ponds and lakes and skating is now the popular form of outdoor pastime with both young and old. The ice last night was almost four inches in thickness and at the lake on Captain Sisson's place and at Hastings lake a large number of young folks spent the evening. Fires were built on the banks and many who could not enjoy the sport because they had no skates watched the others.

The snow today will not seriously interfere with the sport as there are dozens of volunteers to sweep the ice clean. A number of skating parties have been arranged for this evening.

Bazaar and Chicken Dinner

Given by Ladies' Aid Society at

Baptist Church Parlors

Thursday, Dec. 13

Useful articles for sale and good things to eat

Dinner 35 cents

FIRST TO WIN WAR PROTEGE

Jefferson School Pupils and Teachers Raised Sum Necessary to Care for an Orphan

Pupils and teachers of the Jefferson ward school are first in Maryville to accept the responsibility for the care of a Belgian or French war orphan and to provide the necessary sum for its care for one year. The ward schools of the city have been engaged in a friendly contest to see which one could raise the required sum, $36.50, first, and this afternoon the Jefferson school finishes ahead in the race with the entire amount in hand.

The money will be sent to the proper authorities, after which the school will be furnished the name of the child and the pupils will be permitted to carry on a correspondence with their protege. The sum was raised by donations of pennies, nickles and dimes from the pupils and teachers. Miss Ada Albert, principal, and Misses Myrtle Hogue and Mamie Kane, teachers, aided in the commendable work.

DOWN TO ZERO BY MORNING

Better Keep Up Fires Tonight for Another Cold Wave Warning Has Been Sent Out by Weather Man

Better not let the furnace and kitchen fires get too low tonight, for another cold wave is on the way and there is danger of frozen water pipes. The weather bureau is sending out warning today that the thermometer will drop to zero by Saturday morning. Indications that the snow fall will be heavier are also given in the forecast. The thermometer this morning registered eleven above.

Following the cold spell and the snow there have been the usual number of requests for aid from the Welfare Board, but so far there has been no case requiring any serious attention. "It is not quite time yet for the improvident ones to ask for aid," said Fred P. Robinson this morning. "It is usually about Christmas that most calls come in and it takes pretty severe weather to affect most of them.

However, we are looking after all worthy cases, no matter what the condition of the weather."

BANKERS PLAN BIG MEETING

Thomas Q. Dix Will Discuss Baby Bond Campaign Here at Meeting Monday at Elks Club

Plans for the campaign to sell $600,000 worth of war savings certificates in odaway county are being worked out by G. L. Wilfley, president of the Farmers Trust Company, who is county chairman for the campaign, having been named by Wm. G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury.

Mr. Wilfley is advised today that Thomas Q. Dix, of St. Louis will be here next Wednesay to address the meeting of county bankers, calle tdo discuss the plans in connection with, and how best to handle the campaign. Mr. Dix is an able speaker and is familiar with the methods that are being employed in putting over the big war measures.

The meeting will be held at the Elks Club and will be participated in by representatives of all the banks in the county.

A 10-Days' Armistice Is On.

Amsterdam, Dec. 7. — Armistice on the whole eastern front was effective today, according to a Berlin announcement. It is the first armistice since the war and includes the entire Russian front. It lasts ten days.

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Days to Christmas

'Tis a Lucky Number. They Say. Try Your Luck by Making Your Christmas Purchases Today

THEY BROKE RECORD

ENGINEERS BUILD A 300-FOOT BRIDGE IN 32 MINUTES

WORK OF FT. BLISS MEN

Magnus W. Tate, of Mounted Engineers, Writes That His Unit Expects to Go to France Soon

Magnus W. Tate, son of Judge and Mrs. M. G. Tate, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, being a member of Company C, 8th Engineers, Mounted, writes as follows about his work there, to his uncle, George B. Baker:

"We have been out on the river building bridges for the last month and it was good hard work, but we got some splendid results. We broke the world's record on light pontoon bridge, assembled sixteen boats and two tresties and built the bridge, 296½ feet in length, in 32½ minutes, with 89 men. This is 5½ minutes under the record of a bridge built in 1915 by Company L with 167 men. We built the heavy pontoon in 19½ minutes, better than 250 feet. Also had splendid luck with our heavier bridges. We built pontoon bridges at night by search light and moon light. The commander of the Southern department was out to see us work and told us as long as we had all that was expected of engineers, and with the situation in France as it is, we would expect to go over mounted in the near future, and that we would put our time in on mounted drill and individual horsemanship. We will have to jump high hurdles and trenches, using but one hand as we would do in charging a trench. I do not anticipate any trouble as my horse will go anywhere for me. If you treat them good it doesn't take them long to know you and have confidence in you.

Ladies Bring Ice Cream and Cake.

"It would surprise you the many things that are taught us. We have built bridges, railroads, dug trenches, had mounted and dismounted drills, rifle practice, pistol practice, both mounted and dismounted, knots and lashings, blocks and tackles and many other things, such as map-making. My company goes on a five-day hike Tuesday, but I will not have to go as I am in the hospital. The doctor tried to get me transferred to the finance department of the quartermaster's corps, but it was disapproved of at Southern headquarters as there was no vacancy at the time. I have suffered terribly with my feet lately, so he sent me over here for a good rest. It will mean wonders for me, for all you have to do is to eat and sleep and swat a few flies if they bother you. This afternoon some of the fellows came over from Camp Baker to see me, and some ladies from El Paso brought us ice cream and cake. I figure it will take a good long rest to make up for all the hard work I have done in the last six months.

Y. M. C. A. Means Much to Men.

"I was so anxious to come home Christmas, but do not think I will get to come now. .I expect to do a week's kitchen police and stable police and guard and anything else they can think of when I get out of the hospital, so I guess I will spend Christmas day in the kitchen.

"The days are still very warm down here, but the nights are very cold, but find it hard to suffer any hardships since mother sent me so many practical things to keep me warm and make me comfortable. I have gained twenty pounds and feel fine..

"We have the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Baker, but the officers are going to fit up a rest room with library and piano and furnish us with pictures at a small cost. Was pleased with Maryville's record in the "Y" campaign. It means wonders for the men."

Return to Oklahoma .

Mrs. W. Ben Turner and small sons, William and Edwin, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. A. Bonewitz, and other relatives, left this morning for their home in Sayre, Okla. They were accompanied as far as St. Joseph by Mrs. Turner's sister, Miss Lois Bonewitz.

Negro Kills Policeman.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Atlanta ,Dec. 7.—Patrolman Adams was killed and F. Roberts was wounded in a battle with a negro druggist here this morning.

RULES FOR BAKERS

NEW FOOD ACT PUTS THEM ALL UNDER A LICENSE

A STANDARD LOAF NOW

Food Administration Also Urges Conservation in the Matter of Delivery—New Law Effective Dec. 10

Bread consumers who find, after December 10, that the bread purchased from the bakery is not nicely browned, but has a whitish appearance on top, as though not properly baked, will find that the baker is not able to remedy the matter. It is an order of the government that ingredients formerly used by bakers to produce this effect must be omitted from the formula.

Beginning December 10, all persons or firms manufacturing bread and bakery products will operate under license from the federal government with regulations for standardizing prices and products as well as conservation of supplies. Maryville bakers are in receipt of the new regulations and have taken out licenses as required.

Of special interest are the rules governing weight of bread loaves and manner of distribution. Below are some of the requirements for bakers:

"The licensee shall manufacture bread and offer it for sale only in the following specified weights, or multiples thereof, which shall be net weights, unwrapped, twelve hours after baking: 16 ounce units (not to run over 17 ounces), 24 ounce units (not to run over 25½ ounces).

"No rolls shall be manufactured or offered for sale which shall weigh, unwrapped, twelve hours after baking, less than one ounce or more than three ounces.

"The licensee in making bread or rolls shall not add any sugars or fats to the dough during the process of baking, or to the bread or rolls when baked."

Cut Down Number of Deliveries.

The United States Food Administrator also urges all wholesale bakers to establish as the wholesale prices of their products the prices at which they will offer such products for sale in lots of twenty-five pounds or more, unwrapped, for cash, at the bakery door, the prices to be established to be subject to such additional charges as may be fair for wrapping and delivering when such services are performed by the baker.

The recommendations adds further: "Inasmuch as some wholesale bakers in certain communities are now retailing bread at their plants direct to the consumer, unwrapped, undelivered, and for cash at wholesale prices, the Food Administration urges that this practice be extended wherever bakers find it possible to do so, adding only sufficient extra charge to cover the expense. Also, believing that frequent deliveries are uneconomical and tend to enhance prices, urges all bakers to reduce deliveries wherever possible to one a day over such route an dto consolidate deliveries or zone their territories in order to reduce the expense of delivering as far as possible.

Dick Livasy will leave Monday for St. Joseph, where he will enlist in the gas and flames regiment of the United States army.

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SANTA AT FUNSTON

MAKE PREPARATIONS TO HANDLE 35,000 BOXES

THERE'LL BE BIG DOINGS

A Turkey Dinner, Gift Distribution, Athletic Wild West Contest, Fireworks and Other Activities

Camp Funston, Dec. 7.—Santa Claus is coming to Camp Funston. He will be brought here by long-eared, hee-hawing Missouri mules.

Christmas day is to be a big red letter day in this training camp for Uncle Sam's fighters. There's to be big doings.

The commanding general has appointed an official committee to take charge of all the arrangements and The program will include everything from the turkey dinner and gift distribution to an all-afternoon athletic wild west contest an da big fireworks display at night.

The committee will receive and answer all letters from persons desiring to know the names of soldiers to whom they could sent Christmas boxes and attend to the distribution of the boxes.

It is hoped that there will be 35,000 boxes, one for each soldier in camp Christmas.

No names of soldiers without relatives or friends will be sent out as it is forbidden by the war department. No one will know to whom his or her package will go except that it will be presented to some Camp Funston man who will appreciate it.

Those who want to make Christmas day a happy one for some unknown soldier by giving presents are requested to address communications to the Christmas Committee, Camp Funston, Kans.

This organization is composed of representatives from every organization in camp, including the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., and the camp activities.

The committee is directed by a field officer of the division staff.

Indict Bomb Thrower.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Chicago, Dec. 7. — Rheinhold Faust, accused of the recent bomb scare at the auditorium theatre, was indicted for having explosives in his possession and trying to extort money.

Lloyd George Is Ill.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 7. — Premier Lloyd George is quite ill and his speech in answer to the recent letter of Lord Landsdowne has been postponed until a later date.

Mike Gaa of Conception is in Maryville on business today.

74 SENATORS VOTE FOR WAR

Not a Dissenting Vote When Austrian Resolution Came Up—Up in the House This Afternoon

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate passed, without a dissenting vote, the resolution for war on Austria this afternoon, following a brief debate. Senator Stone insisted on a roll call. Senator La Follette was absent. Seventy-four sentaors voted. It will pass the house before night unless it is debated.

The senate adopted the Overton resolution suspending the section of the Clayton anti-trust law forbidding joint railroad buying agreements.

The nomination of Howard Coffey as president and Richard Howe as member of the air craft board and Russell Leffingwell as assistant secretary of the treasury was sent to the senate by the president this afternoon.

H. S. BOYS "WORK CLUB"

Members Will be Available for All Kinds of Work Out of School Hours to Earn Y. M. C. A. Fund

The Red Triangle Cluz, an organiza of high school boys, held their regular meeting yesterday. The purpose of this meeting was to organize an employment bureau. Charles Bellows, Jack Rowlett and Ralph Wray were appointed on the employment committee. Any who have work to be done may be able to employ one of the members of this club by seeing a committeeman, or by telephoning Charles Bellows, chairman. The minimum wage is to be 20 cents per hour for all work requiring two hours or more. Work requiring less than that time will be charged for by the job.

This club was organized in the high school about a month ago, with Joe Kemp as president. There are thirty-nine boys belonging to this club. Two new members were taken in Thursday, Jack Jones and Merrill Epperson. Each boy has pledged himself to earn $10 for the Y. M. C. A.. The boys have earned a lready fifteen of the four hundred dollars which they intend to earn during the next ten months.

THE WEATHER

Snow and colder tonight with a cold wave in the west portion. Saturday, partly cloudy and colder.

DEATH LIST AT HALIFAX UP TO 3,000

DEVASTATED AREA FROM EXPLOSION COVERS THREE MILES

RELIEF TRAINS ARE LEAVING NEW YORK

Disaster Will Rank as the Most Fearful That has Ever Occurred on the American Continent

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Halifax, Dec. 7.—The death list resulting from the explosion yesterday may reach three thousand, say the police, who are investigating the cause of the disaster. The accurate death list will take many days before it is known.

A large school was shattered and three hundred pupils perished in the collapse. Five boats in the harbor were crushed like egg shells, and many sailors and marines were killed. An American warship arrived after the explosion and landed their marines to aid in the rescue work. It was the only naval vessel near the scene.

The disaster, which has plunged the Dominion into mourning, probably will rank as the most fearful that has ever occurred on the American continent. Residents of Halifax and thousands of volunteer relief workers who have come into the city have been almost dazed at the extent of the horror.

Bodies Thick in Morgues.

Temporary morgues have been established in many buildings to which a steady procession of vehicles of all kinds have been carrying for hours the bodies of men, women and children. Most of the mwere so charred that they were unrecognizable.

Thousands of persons seeking traces of relatives and friends have passed by the long rows attempting by the flickering light of lamps and lanterns to identify the ones they sought.

Virtually every building in the city which could be converted into a hospital is filled with wounded, many of them so desperately injured that there is no hope for their recovery. Scores already have died in these temporary hospitals.

Halifax, Dec. 7. — More than two thousand dead as the result of the explosion when the Belgian relief ship Imo rammed into the Mont Blanc, a French munition ship, yesterday, is the belief today. The devastated area covers three miles and not one building is left standing. The loss is estimated from two to ten millions of dollars. The presence of troops prevented ghouls form working. Many sailors on ships in the harbor were killed outright. Truero, seventy-five miles away, felt the forc eof the explosion.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Watts hears her husband is safe in Halifax. Mr. Watts is the American consul general there and the consulate is a block from the customs house and near the water front.

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—An American liner is safe at Halifax, say officials. It is being inspected by the British officials.

New York, Dec. 7.—The first relief train left here shortly before noon and carried food and surgical supplies. Blankets and cots will go on a second train tonight.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Advices received by the navy department say an American ship saw the explosion fifty miles at sea.

Feature Tonight

Empire Theatre

11 and 17 cents

Brady made Pictures, with

Montagu Love and June Elvidge

and all star cast ,in

Rasputin, The Black Monk

A true story of the Russian Revolution and the fall of the Romanoffs.

Tomorrow—"A Jewel in Pawn."

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WORLD'S CHAMPION SPELLER

Missouri Man Who Claims Title Issues An Open Challenge

Macon, Mo., Dec. 6. — Prof. J. C. Walker of Old Bloomington claims the title of champion speller of the world.

The vacancy in the spelling championship created by the recent retirement of Prof. D. Jones, for 35 years known as the "boss speller of the world," has caused Prof. Walker to announce his willingness to spell against any man or woman in the world, provided the English language is used.

Not long ago Prof. Walker accepted the challegne of Prof. Jones and began preparing for the world's championship spelling fight, but the contestants struck a snag when it came to the method of giving out words. So there was no match.

It may be that when Prof. Jones learns that Prof. Walker has claimed his title by default, he may "come back."

Both men were country school teachers. Both have been tried by fire. Prof. Jones at a church entertainment at Lancaster correctly spelled 15,000 words, and only quit when those doing the pronouncing were tired out.

Prof. Walker has been victorious in many spelling matches.

December is the Month

To cut the wood, and then—
To sit by the fire.
To make the boy a sled.
To buy the girl a doll.
To get your share of the rabbits.
To resurrect the barrel of apples.
To read again Dickens' "Christmas Carol."
To give your heart rather than your pocketbook.
To prune the orchard and get it in shape for spraying later on.
To feed the stock freely. Think how good your own meals taste on wintry days.
To put into effect the meatless, wheatless and sweetless days, but not the heatless.
To tell the children of the Christmas when you were young and what a good child you were—not.
To clear up some more land if you have it. Never has there been greater opportunities in new ground.
To plan now your crops for next spring. A little brain work now will save a lot of muscle work when it's hot.—Farm Life.

News of Platte Valley

W. B. Torrance, Correspondent

W. L. Nelson and family entertained the following at dinner Thanksgiving Day: C. C. Nelson and wife, Roy Hawley, wife and son, Wilbert, Dick Nelson and family, Pete Larsen and wife and Andrew Nelson and family.

Alvin Nelson and family entertained the following at dinner Sunday: C. C. Neison, wife and son, Ernest, W. T. Nelson and family, Alma Nelson, wife and daughter, Luey Marie and Roy Hawley, wife and son, Wilbert.

Claud Richards, who is stationed at Camp Funston, spent Thanksgiving with home folks.

W. B. Torrance assisted John McKee in shredding fodder last week.

It Pays to Buy the Best

But every housewife should remember that the best is not *always* the highest priced. Experience has taught me that you can't always judge quality by the cost sign.

That is particularly true of baking powder. Baking powder quality can be determined only by bake day results. The baking powder that *serves* you best—regardless of what you pay—is the best to buy and use.

I have made a close study and careful investigation of baking powder, because it is unquestionably one of the most important of baking materials. It effects all ingredients employed with it.

No woman, no matter how careful her selection of flour, sugar, eggs, etc., can employ the limit of baking economy if she uses a poorly made, wasteful baking powder.

Merit, not money, is the only safe basis upon which to estimate the worth of a baking powder. Fortunately the housewife no longer has to conduct costly experiments of her own to determine just which particular brand is the most efficient and economical. Experts like myself, make a business of testing baking powders and accurately arriving at their actual value. We make no mistakes in our decisions as our experiments are made along strictly scientific lines.

Millions of women are now profiting by the aid offered by domestic scientists. I know this to be true—as choice is now centered on the brand of baking powder that I and other domestic scientists have found superior through both chemical and oven tests. It is becoming more popular every day. Its tremendous sales increase was not influenced in the least by cost. It is a moderate priced baking powder. Costs considerably less than some other brands. Still it is preferred by women who could and would pay more were it possible to secure the desired quality. They don't buy this brand of baking powder because of a saving of cost—but because of its *demonstrated* superiority. To them it means the greatest quality value—the greatest purity—and greatest certainty of results that can be had at *any* price. Decidedly the best, *not* because of moderate price, but because of its unimprovable merit.

In justice to those who read this article—that *they* may share in the savings and baking success assured by the biggest selling and recognized superior baking powder it is no more than fair that I give publicity to the brand preferred alike by experts and America's millions of housewives—*Calumet Baking Powder.*

Maude Marie Costello

NOTE.—Miss Costello is already well known to most of the ladies of our city. She is of the Domestic Science Branch of the University of Chicago, a graduate of Lewis Institute, Supervisor of Domestic Science in Public Schools, Special Lecturer on Domestic Arts and Economy, Special Lecturer to the Women's Clubs.

We are publishing a series of her most important articles.

AUTHORS AS LONG WALKERS

Dickens, Wadsworth, Southey, Fawcett and Others Were Classed as Pedestrians of Prominence.

It is calculated that Wordsworth, in his many years of sauntering, must have traveled a distance of 180,000 miles. What sights he saw during such prolonged and delightful wanderings only those who have the poet's mind and eye can even guess, observes London Tit-Bits.

Charles Dickens was a confirmed tramp, and no doubt acquired his experience of "life on the road" from actual acquaintance with all sorts of vagabonds and odd characters.

One of the most remarkable of unprofessional walkers was Professor Wilson, the "Christopher North" of literature. His fine physique and great endurance prompted him to the performance of wonderful feats, which seemed to him entirely a matter of course. He once walked 40 miles in eight hours, and at another time walked a distance of 80 miles in 24 hours.

Henry Fawcett, also, was a tireless walker, and one who, when deprived of sight, did not think of relinquishing this among many forms of exercise. His was a familiar figure on the roads about Cambridge, and there is no exaggeration in saying that few men blessed with all his senses could enjoy nature more throughly than he.

Southey, worn and preyed upon by mental application and the practical anxieties of everyday life, found his greatest relief in tramping about the country.

John Stuart Mill delighted in pedestrian tours, and Charles Lamb, though he loved town better than country, was one who believed in sweeping cobwebs from the brain by brisk and continuous walking.

WOMEN RUN OWN EXCHANGES

Much Expense Is Attached to Conducting These Praiseworthy Enterprises in Many Cities.

The general management of exchanges is about the same, wherever situated, says a writer in the Woman's Home Companion. A room or shop is provided for the reception and display of women's work, with paid saleswomen to conduct the exchange on a business basis, competent bookkeepers registering goods received and keeping accurate accounts of sales and moneys due to consignors.

It is obvious that such an organization, even on a small scale, is an expensive undertaking and the items of rent, salaries, coal, lights, stationery, wrappings, telephone and postage comprise a formidable expense account, which should justly be borne by those who benefit from its maintenance. The revenues to meet expenses are obtained in three ways. First, by a small annual fee of from $2 to $5 from each consignor whose work is accepted; second, by a stipulated commission of from 10 per cent to 25 per cent, according to the size and location of the exchange, which is deducted from all sales; and third, from the dues of the board of managers and their personal donations.

Describing Happiness.

There are thousands of short story writers and minor poets who can deal very effectively with battlefields, slums, maniacs, shipwrecks, disease and a thousand forms of human degeneracy, observes the New York Independent, but they are incapable of making their characters happy without making them bored—and the reader likewise. The pessimist declares that evil, suffering and villainy are the natural materials of literature because they are the fundamental realities of life and happiness is only a mirage which disappears as one approaches it. The only trouble with this theory is that it isn't so. We know plenty of people who have been happy, though we have yet to meet the first of them who could describe how it felt.

Was a Good Waiter.

He had just reached the philisophical stage when he slipped into a restaurant for a bit to eat. Then he sat staring ahead, quietly thoughtful in expression, and waited.

It is admitted he did some waiting, too. What happened to his order couldn't be understood outside the peculiar restaurant kitchen, but he spent half an hour sitting there staring ahead of him.

At last it came. As the waitress put the order before him he started from his deep study, as if he had forgotten he had an order coming. Then, looking up at the fair transporter of edibles, he said:

"You don't look a day older!"

He Didn't Know.

Mark Twain and his peculiarities were being discussed by an English class in a high school. One youthful orator had very eloquently described Mark's personal appearance and had laid unusual stress on the author's fondness for wearing white flannels.

"Gee!" said one much-interested youth, "I don't see how the public knows whether his flannels are red or white."

The Village Belles.

"What called you to go to the village church, old man?"

"Why, the belles."

"The belles?"

"Yes."

"Take care you don't have to ring one of them."

INSPIRED LETTER

By W. KENNEDY.

After dinner John Saintsbury repaired to his rooms with nothing more serious upon his mind than the writing of two letters. It was a clear, cold winter evening, with just a bit too much of a whipping wind to be comfortable, and it was with a sense of relief that he entered his comfortable apartments and found a cheerful fire blazing in the grate in his sitting room. Saintsbury was one of those young fellows who may be described as "nicely fixed." His apartments were not "too much," but just right. He dropped into an easy chair and ran his eye casually over the evening paper. Then came a parenthetical smoke, and he sat down to his desk to write his letters.

Saintsbury's two letters were as dissimilar as it is possible to imagine. One was merely a note to Edith Crawford asking her to go with him to see "Cyrano de Bergerac" the latter part of the week. Yet how fondly he wrote it. He began the note "Dear Edith," writing the words with a caress, and he sat admiring his own rashness, though he knew he was merely writing for his own edification and that the aristocratic Miss Crawford would never see what he had there written. He scribbled the name all over the page and then, with a sigh, laid the sheet aside and began to write the formal note which he always sent to Miss Crawford. Saintsbury was so deeply in love with this lady that it actually scared him.

The second letter which he had to write was for a friend who was in love and wished to send a beautiful letter announcing this fact to the woman he adored, but did not know how to do it. "Write me a letter, John," said Dick, "as if you were writing to your own girl." John endeavored to follow out these instructions. He did not know the name of Dick's sweetheart, and in order to do his best he addressed the letter to Edith Crawford, intending to leave her name out when he copied the letter. He found it easy to write under these circumstances, and when it was concluded he read it over and glowed with the beauty of it. He could find no fault with it, and he felt that he could not improve upon it by rewriting it. So what was the use of rewriting it? Dick had to copy it anyway in his own nervy hand. So he took out a couple of envelopes and addressed them and enclosed the letters, having forgotten all about leaving Edith Crawford's name in his friend's letter.

The next day at the bank he was rung up by his friend Daniels. "I say," said Dick over the telephone, "you didn't know that you sent me a letter addressed to a friend of yours, did you? What's up, anyway, old boy?"

John remembered then that he had forgotten to erase Miss Crawford's name, and he blushed through the 'phone as he replied: "Oh, that's all right. Just scratch her name out and I think it will do."

"You haven't given yourself away a-plenty, have you?" said Dick.

Could it be that he swapped the letters and sent Edith's to Dick and Dick's to Edith? The idea was quite amusing until he remembered that Edith's name was in the beautiful love letter. It was impossible that he could have made such a mistake, but he was vaguely uneasy about it, and that evening he hastened out to Miss Crawford's to set the matter at rest.

He found her in the drawing room alone, and looking pensively into the fire. How beautiful, how tender, how dainty she was in the firelight glow!

He broke it awkwardly: "Did you get a letter from me?"

"Yes," she answered with adorable softness.

"Well, did I—did you—can you tell me what I wrote—I mean did I say—?"

"I do not understand you, Mr. Saintsbury," said Miss Crawford, rather distantly.

"Pardon me, but I mean, did I ask you in the letter you received whether you cared—"

"Is it possible you do not remember what you wrote me?" she inquired, with beautiful iciness.

"Why, of course; but I fear there has been some mistake—"

Miss Crawford was not only amazed, but she was apparently quite angry. As for him, he was in agony of doubt.

"Pardon my awkwardness," he said with a smile, "and I will explain. Last night I had to write two letters. One asked you to go with me to see 'Cyrano de Bergerac.' The other was written for a friend, who asked me to write it as if I were addressing the woman I loved."

"Then," said Edith, with a sort of sweet dismay, "this letter was not for me?"

"Oh, yes it was. It went straight by mistake. That was all," said John.

"But what becomes of the invitation to see 'Cyrano?'" asked Edith.

"Bother Cyrano!" cried John, now grown entirely brave. "What I want to know is whether you accept the invitation to become Edith Saintsbury?"

"I suppose I will have to, for I am dying to see 'Cyrano.'"

And that is how it came about.

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Wouldn't Work.

"What happened to Dubberly? I thought he was going to be a poet of the highest type."

"He started in all right, but his appetite was too big."

The news from France is starry.

UNITY IN FILIPINO TRIBES

Recent "Maulud" Held in Department of Mindanao and Sulu Was Evidence of Existing Harmony.

Commenting on the prevalent belief that the islands need a speed nationalization of the different sections and a rooting out of sectional and tribal feeling, the Philippine Review says editorially:

"While as a matter of fact we have to acknowledge that sectional feeling seemingly exists in the islands, its existence is not of basic character. For the elements of unity are in actual existence, and sectional feeling will only seemingly last while no actual intercourse between the sectional groups of the islands takes place. It is, therefore, but a matter of common education or educational intercourse, not real lack of spirit of nationality; and with the present government efforts to provide the people with good popular education, this so-called lack of national spirit will shortly be overcome."

Perhaps no better evidence of the harmony existing among different tribes and factions could be offered the skeptic than the recent "Maulud" held in the department of Mindanao and Sulu. The Maulud corresponds to the Christian Christmas, being the celebration of the birth of Mohammed. It consists in ceremonies lasting two days during which there is much feasting and chanting by "imams" (priests) and lady singers.

The last Maulud was celebrated at the residence of the governor of Sulu. All the chiefs and every other Mohammedan of prominence, 100 imams, 30 lady singers, 3,000 Mohammedans, the government officials, and all the civilians of any distinction attended the monster feast. Mohammedans and Christians, Americans and Filipinos, dressed in beautiful Moro costumes, forgot their religious, social and political differences, and threw themselves heart and soul into the celebration of this greatest of Mohammedan fiestas. No one could have witnessed the scene without being convinced of the oneness of the Mohammedian and Christian Filipinos, and the hearty good feeling between Americans and Filipinos.

POETS GET INTO FRONT RANK

Some Soldiers Develop as Writers of Verse While Knights of Quill Also Become Warriors.

The literature of the war proves that some soldiers are made into poets, and we know also, of course, that some poets have been made into soldiers. Mobilization and conscription take little account of persons and no account at all of professions. There is one great poet of history, however, and one great painter, too, who were denied entrance into the ranks of the army—Poe and Whistler.

The story of why Whistler did not become a soldier is well known, but it may bear repetition. Like Poe, he was a cadet at West Point, and like Poe, he was discharged from that institution long before the completion of the course. Whistler was found deficient in chemistry, and when he was asked why he did not graduate and become a soldier he answered: "If silicon were a gas, I would be a soldier."

Argentina Cattle.

The Argentina cattle industry is capable of much expansion in time of war stimulation. In the northern end of the pampas are boundless fields of grass where the cattle feed the year round. Sweet water there is in abundance, and windmills dotted over the plains keep the animals plentifully supplied. There are no better beef cattle in the world than those from Argentina, the breed being the excellent result of mixing fine Spanish blooded strains with the hardy native stock. Breeding very easily could raise the total of production materially.

Former Czar's Abode.

No two papers seem to agree on the subject of the former czar's new place of abode, says an exchange. A favorable account speaks of Tobolsk as the "Boston of Russia," the "home of the arts," a picturesque old town, and a favorite winter resort in western Siberia. Its refinement and culture are attributed to the large number of Swedish officers who were interned there after Peter the Great's victory at Poltava. The town never lost the influence of their advanced civilization.

Marries Her Step-Son.

The strangest attempt yet discovered to evade the draft was revealed in New York the other day, when a man charged his wife with bigamy, naming his son by a former marriage as the woman's second and living husband. At the trial it was found that the woman had married her step-son in order to enable him to escape the draft.

Cents and Cigarettes.

The tobacco trade finds no difficulty in using cents in making prices. Cigarettes are priced as closely as anything sold in any department store. Perhaps the reason is that smokers do not have to have "smokes" and that the trade would shrivel if prices were not kept attractive.—Exchange.

New Life Preserver.

A new life preserver, invented by a Dane, consists of cylinders filled with oil, which serve as a brake. The life preserver is designed to save people from burning buildings, being so contrived that they may be dropped to the ground without injury.

Murphy Clothing Co.

Exclusive Agency for Men's Munsingwear

Safe Buying for the Housewife.

Buying unnecessary supplies in advance and hoarding food, both by the housewife and the grocer, was responsible for some of the highest prices of the past year. "Don't be scared into buying," the Interstate Grocer urges upon its retail grocery readers. That is just what food speculators desire. Normal buying of all groceries with a view to quick and regular turnover will keep goods moving in a normal way at reasonable prices. "Don't let anyone scare you into buying in anticipation of heavy advances, but force the channels of distribution to return to the old basis of competition in selling. This year consumers are not apt to buy out any grocer, as most of them have spent as much money as they could spare in canning and preserving their own fruits and vegetables. If speculators succeeded in creating a panicky buying condition now, unloading upon the retail grocers at abnormal prices, the latter would be left holding the bag."

STOP and get our prices for Auto Painting, Monograms and Signs

Arnett Decorating Company

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Bevo
A BEVERAGE
—for your cheery little chafing dish party. A triumph in soft drinks that combines the tempting flavor of wholesome cereals and the appetizing tang of genuine Saazer Hops. Bevo for refreshing properties—zest—purity—healthfulness. Serve cold.
ANHEUSER-BUSCH
St. Louis, U. S. A.

The Little Want Ads

There were 709 paid want ads in last month's Democrat-Forum — 28 for each business day. In November, 1916 the Democrat-Forum carried 447 want ads, an average of only 18 a day. Last month, thus, we carried 10 want ads more each business day than we did in November, 1916.

Democrat-Forum Want Ads must get the business, for the results can be traced back directly to the ads, and the advertisers know whether they pay. Thousands of people every day read this paper's four want ads classifications: For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, and Miscellaneous. Let them serve you at a small cost.

The Democrat-Forum

SOMEBODY'S PAL

By ISABEL FROST.

It was not that Three Arrows was naturally suspicious, but nature had placed it so seclusively, all by itself on the shoulders of Kaska mountain, that it regarded strangers in the light of interlopers. Therefore, it kept one eye on Evelyn May from the moment she stepped from the river steamboat.

Another thing that did not add to her immediate popularity was her reticence.

Slim Rogers sized her up at long distance from his point of vantage on the lean-to porch of Rafferty's shack. In Three Arrows he was accounted not only local sheriff, but also the final court of appeals on the standing of strangers. Slim had been rather idle of late. A pall of monotonous morality had fallen over the land immediately under his lawful guardianship. There had been no killings since Christmas, when Lone Duck, from Nome, had jubilantly picked off two harmless salmon trimmers from a tribe down river.

The Golden Eagle had been doing a languid business, supported only by local patronage.

It was this observation which annoyed Evelyn. She felt herself under suspicion and did not hesitate to show Slim that she was aware of his official scrutiny. She had taken up quarters at the only abiding place for transients, Mrs. Rafferty's lodging house and cafe. Mrs. Rafferty had ruled public opinion in Three Arrows for many moons.

"It's a long way for a girl of your age to be traveling alone," she said one morning.

"I love to travel," said Evelyn, pleasantly. "Is it very far up Kaska?" She looked from the window at the great peak that seemed to touch the morning clouds.

"There's nothing to see when you get up there," said Mrs. Rafferty. "You want to go up or down the river if you're looking for sights."

Evelyn retreated into her shell at once. From the corner of her eye she could see Slim's tall figure shadowing the doorway.

"Better put me up a lunch, Mollie," he said to Mrs. Rafferty, trying to ignore the presence at the table by the window. "We're going up Kaska again today. Benson blew in last night, and they think they've struck a new scent."

Mrs. Rafferty bustled around, carving deep slices of boiled ham as she talked.

"Well, I hope to the lord, Slim Rogers, that you never come within a mile of shooting at him. If ever a man deserved what he got, it was Lone Duck. Did you hear what the fight was about? I mean the one with the kid."

Slim helped himself to a large cup of black coffee, knowing full well that he had an audience.

"They fought over an Indian girl. Lone Duck came into camp drunk and started to beat her up. Billie had been prospecting around there for several weeks, and I rather think the Duck was afraid he had heard too much from Neota. Anyway, he tried to silence him forever, and the kid got in first shot. Law's law, Mollie, you know."

No one will ever know just what took place in Evelyn's mind at that moment. She begged for the privilege of riding up with him and the rest of the posse. He told her she could ride until he asked her to turn back, and she agreed to obey orders.

Slim had only known her for four weeks, but before they had reached the timberline he had forgotten the vital importance of catching the kid, and was absolutely at the mercy of Evelyn May. He told her what life might be like if she remained in the Yukon country as the sheriff's bride.

"You'd make a wonderful pal for somebody, Mr. Rogers, but how about being a husband? We're almost strangers. You men of the North do your wooing rapidly."

"We have to," said Slim, shortly, "or they get away. It's a fearful climate up here. A woman's got to have a doggone good reason or she'd never stay in it at all."

He stopped short. There came the sound of rapid firing above them, then the crashing, sliding grind of hoofs, as a horse and rider dashed recklessly down the mountain trail. Slim whipped his pistol out and aimed as the boy shot past them, but Evelyn's hands gripped his, and she buried her teeth in the wrist that held the revolver. It was over in an instant. The kid was out of sight already, bound for safety, and Slim stood over a sobbing girl, looking at the blood trickling from his wrist. Somehow his arm found its way around her shoulder, while she told him of her mission to Three Arrows.

The Kid was just her brother, nineteen years old, and the baby of the family back East. They had not heard from him in months, and she had come out alone to learn the reason.

"I'm sorry, Slim," she said, "that I hurt you. I didn't mean to. I suppose it's wrong to want him to get away when he broke the law."

Slim smiled peacefully; the head of Evelyn May leaned willingly against his shoulder.

"I guess he'd better put up a plea of self-defense and come back home," he said, "so as to be in time for the wedding."

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Hand Bags for Gifts

The small strap bag finds favor with most women—no mistake in giving your friend one for Christmas. Then there are the larger bags too, for those who like them best.

49c to $1.48

GRAHAMS

Dept. Store - "All Sorts of Things"

Christmas Candies—Here

All the good kinds that Christmas always brings, from mixed taffy and peanut cluster to soft center chocolates.

Mixed Candies 6-oz for 10c

Chocolates 4-oz for 10c

Throughout The Whole of Our Store The Christmas Spirit Abounds!

Thanksgiving's Over

December begun! The refreshing cheer of the Christmas Spirit abounds everywhere—and is more than welcome in these trying times.

A time for happiness—for giving happiness, but let us give useful, sensible gift things.

Come early—you will find fresher merchandise, greater leisure and better service. You will find the Christmas Spirit abroad. And you will find, too,

MANY, MANY LOW PRICES.

Knit Scarf and Cap Sets for Gifts

Every set in a box, which lends to its charm as a gift. You may choose from among solid blues, old rose, green, yellow and white. The caps are Pickford style—the scarfs are long and wide, with fringed ends. Priced from—

98c to $2.48

A Pair of Blankets for Her

Mr. Man,—has it occurred to you that mother would appreciate a pair of blankets more than anything you could give her? Surprise her on Christmas morning with a pair you cman get here for—

$1.79, $2.48, $3.69

For Her a Towel Set

It's quite a point of feminine pride to have the towel racks in the bathroom gleam snowily. So why not settle her gift by sending her just what she takes pride in owning?

At 98c

Large Turkish towel, a great towel and wash cloth. Bordered with pink, blue and yellow. Attractively boxed for gift purposes.

At $1.25

An extra large Turkish towel and two wash cloths in an atractive gift box. Can be had in blue, pink or yellow.

Christmas China--Hand Painted

Beautiful! And quite reasonably priced too. If the Christmas expenses loom too big, what better than selecting a little trinket form these stocks of handpainted china—something that will bear the charm of a gift and still cost but a trifle.

Fancy plates	25c	Spoon trays	69c
Cups and saucers	25c	Salad bowls	98c
Sugars and creamers	98c	Myonaise Set	59c
Powder boxes	49c	Hair receivers	49c

Holiday Handkerchiefson Display

These sensible, convenient, sure-to-please gifts were never more appropriate than this Christmas, when everybody wants to spend Christmas money for things that will not be wasted.

Plain White Handkerchiefs 10c

Hemstitched mostly—other with prettily embroidered designs 5 and 10c.

Quite Fancy Kerchiefs 19c

Some hemstitched, some rolled edges—all embroidered corners.

Initial Kerchiefs 10c

All white, with neat initials done in blue, pink, lavendar.

Crepe de Chine Kerchiefs 25c

All colors—with prettily embroidered corners.

New Neckwear Just Arrived

Practical and dainty gifts from one woman to another. There are some of Georgette, quite a few coat collars of white satin, new jabots of lace, all the very newest creations. Then there are others too numerous to mention. Select your gift from among these now while the selection is best.

25c 49c 98c

Ribbons--to make Christmas Bright

It's wonderful how many pretty things are made entirely of ribbons. And they give the finishing touch of artistic taste to hundreds of other things. And, every gift carries a bit more of sentiment if tied up with ribbon. New patterns—

10c to 29c

Solid colors, checks, plaids and flowered patterns.

Xmas Ribbon, piece.....10c

Buy Semi-Cu Glass for Gifts—it's beautiful

It costs less, because—

To begin with it is pressed glass. Then experts take each piece and cut designs in the open spaces. This gives it a sprinkle very much like the genuine.

Select your gift from among these—

Sugar and creamer	45c	Footed Bowl	$2.28
Nappy	69c	Fruit Dish	$1.98
Bon Bons	98c	Berry Bowl	$1.98
Footed Relish Dish	$1.98	Footed Bowl	$2.98
F'ted Relish Dish	$1.98	High Footed Comports	49c
Pickle Dish	98c	Handled Jelly Dish	49c
Celery Dish	98c		
Berry Bowl	69c		

A Box of Our Stationery for Xmas

Always an acceptable gift—turn to stationery if you are puzzled. Here are the kinds sure to please, yet they are quite inexpensive. In appropriate Christmas boxes. Priced from —

10 to 29c

Use Christmas seals and tags, tinsel cord and enclosure cards in wrapping your Christmas parcels. Everything can be had here.

Here—All The Things to Delight the Children

Ca't be much of a Christmas without toys and dolls and games for the little folks. A Structo Outfit for the boy, or a sled or wagon. A doll or a Teddy Bear for the little girl. And other things aplenty for every child that plays. Better buy early!

The American Flyer $1.98

Engine, tender and two coaches. 10 pieces track. Goes like everything!

Others at 59c, 98c, $1.25

Flexible Steel Sleds $1.48

All parts of cold rolled steel. Self steering. Indestructible. 33 inches long.

Others $1.25, $1.98, $2.25

Sterling Air Rifles $1.25

350 shot. Finished in blue steel just like regular army rifle.

Others at 25c, 49c 98c

The Structo Outfit $2.49

Let your boy learn to build! These outfits make the most practical toys obtainable.

Others Cost 98c, $1.49, $3.75 and $5.98

18x36 inches, painted and dappled. Bent rockers, upholstered in cretonne.

Others at 59c to $2.48

Tinkertoys — the wonder builders—

49c

New drums, best kind—

10c—$3.75

Composition Animals on wheels—

$1.48

Tinker Blox — A new one—

49c

A B C Blocks, best kinds—

5c—49c

Esquimo Boy Doll $5.98

Dressed in white all wool sweater, leggings and hood. Stands 21½ inches high.

Dressed Baby Doll $2.98

Semi-dressed in white. Has white stockings with pink leather soles. Very pretty.

Baby Girl Doll $3.98

Stands 19½ inches high. Long white dress. Has colored cloth coat trimmed with braid.

Big Teddy Bear $1.48

Others 25c, 59, 69c

Reed Doll Cab $4.48

Finished in white. Rubber tired wheels, reed hood and body. Another a little larger and finished in graey is priced at $5.48.

Doll Perambulator $2.25

8x16 inches. All steel body with black or tan leather cloth hood. Rubber tired wheels.

Others at 49c to $2.69

Doll Bed 25c to $1.48

Toy Tea Sets 19c & 29c

4 cups and saucers, tea pot, sugar and creamer.

Wood Building, all kinds—

10c—98c

Toy tables and chairs—

10c

Wall Blackboards, — well made—

39c—98c

Iron cook stoves, extra heavy—

69c—98c

What Does Dad Get for Christmas?

A Suggestion or Two

Dad generally is interested chiefly with financial problems about this time of the year—and it's hard to get him to say just what he wants. Suppose you give him—

Men's Sweaters $3.98
Heavy rope stitch sweater with wide collar, two pockets.

Men's Sweater $2.98
In fine flat stitch. Light weight but very warm.

Dress Shirts 98c
New striped patterns, many colors. Have French cuffs.

Handsome Silk Ties
25c, 35c, 50c

Plain Handkerchiefs 10c
Needn't worry about the patterns—they are just right

Dress Suspenders
Each pair in a very atractive box. Sure to please.
25c and 49c

GRAHAMS

Dept. Store - "All Sorts of Things"

Work Baskets 49c
Fruit Baskets 24c
Fancy Baskets 39c

Christmas Expense Too Heavy? Why Not Buy—

WHITE IVORY

Don't worry another day about what to give— just select tomorrow from among these inexpensive things. They are—

Infants' Set 49c
Consists of comb, and rattle in white.

Infants' Set 79c
Brush, puff box, camb and rattle in box.

Manicure Set $1.25
5 piece set in tray, compartment for each article.

A manicure or a simple toilet set—quite an acceptable sort of gift, and very inexpensive, too.

TOILET GOODS

Manicure Set $3.75
10 pieces, bone handles, in colored leather case.

Shaving Set $3.25
Ivory finish stand — mirror, rush and mug.

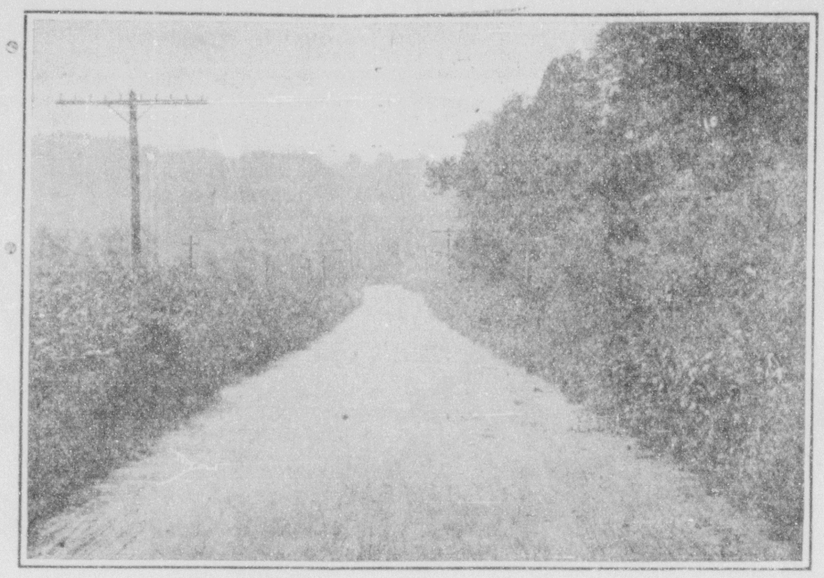
Comb and Brush Set $1.50
Brush, comb and mirror in attractive box.

Hand Mirror $2.25
French crystal beveled mirror —in gift box.

Holiday Perfume 25c
Cut bottle with glass stopper. Several odors. In box.

Vanity Case 25c
Fancy cover—gilt handle. Mirror, powder puff and perfume.

THE OLD MUD ROAD BETWEEN ATHENS AND ZANESVILLE, OHIO.



The macadam road that brought trade to Athens.

From Mud To Macadam

By JOSEPH F. LEOPOLD,
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce,
Athens, Ohio.

It's old stuff—to write of roads—but it's always good copy if an achievement has been made. And now comes an interesting departure in the activity of a small commercial organization. The Athens, Ohio, chamber of commerce, through its roads committee, has actually financed, supervised and built twelve miles of roadway..

Why We Did It.

Twelve miles from Athens lay a small town of approximately 500 people, on a railroad which did not touch our town and which led to a larger city than ours. We had never received a dime's worth of business from this section. Then, in the course of business affairs, inflated values and other things, receivers claimed the railroad, and finally the junkman got it. The property was dismantled, everything sold and the tracks torn up. The little town was stranded, property values fell and business men's faces took the same course.

Our town was the nearest outlet—twelve miles away—and we were connected by a mud road! The town without a railroad was in the richest agricultural section in the county, and if that business could be diverted to our city it meant more to us than locating an industry employing 1,000 skilled workers.

How We Did It.

First, we considered plans from practically every individual in both communities. The most feasible thing at first seemed to be the building of a connecting railroad or trolley line. Subscriptions were started, but fell short. This showed us that some other plan must be evolved, and we naturally moved toward the easiest solution—that of the modern highway. The county's funds were about all spent and much help from that quarter was out of the question. The mud road was not designated as a main market road by the state highway commission, which left us without financial support from that quarter.

The final plan worked out was the building of a water bound macadam highway. Nature favored us by placing limestone quarries along the entire route, and now began the work of the volunteer committee.

The farmers donated teams and labor, and many of them gave limestone from their quarries free of charge. The county loaned its crusher, and business men raised money in both towns to hire additional labor needed. A director of the chamber of commerce, with lots of time and money, and a penchant for good roads, personally supervised the building. The stone was crushed, the teams and labor mobilized, and within a month a broad belt of macadam joined the two towns. It was very expensive, but—

The Results.

Athens has the business of Amesville, the town without an outlet. We also have the business of most of the farmers in the entire section. We have twelve more miles of good road and it has shown the people the possibilities of a close co-operation which is likely to lead, in the near future, to the long-dreamed of rail connection. The county commissioners even became so enthused that an absolute innovation and departure from their usual system was installed and a man has been hired by the year with nothing else on his mind than to keep the road in repair. He is busy filling the chuck holes as fast as they are made.

We are reasonably proud of the achievement. It is the pivotal point for moving larger things in this section, where development will mean the opening of many undeveloped coal areas, which will, of course, bring us community prosperity.

The humble jitney plies the entire distance hourly, farmers are happy, the business man wears a broad grin and the knockers were killed by an injection of civic spirit along their backbones.

Union Township Subscription to the Y. M. C. A. Fund.

$25.00—C. A. Wolfers.

$18.00—Mowry W. W. W. Club.

$15.00—L. R. Wiley, U. A. Anderson, G. H. Swaney, B. T. Wray and sons.

$10.00—J. W. Wiley and wife, Roy Wolfers, W. C. Smith, A. J. Wiley, Sayler Hdw. Co., S. C. Leech, Wm. Bosch, Collins Bros., C. E. Florea, R. J. Montgomery, Geo. Negus, Geo. L. Hackett, W .A. Swaney, J. L. Harrington, Loren Chambers, O. R. Saunders, Glen Jones, P. E .Ashford, Oll Coleman, C. C. Buzzard, Floyd Alzander.

$5.00 and less.—Clarence Pope, S. G. Massey, Elmer Shelman, Hardy Shelman, Ed Wiley, Ben DeWitt, Harry Letts, F. M. Wallis, Pickering Lumber Co., J. E. Herbert, Sam Lutz, Dr .E. L. Crowson, W. E. Hinton, Mrs. Joe Shuff, Martin Carmichael, A. H. Leech, H. H. McClurg, W. A. Shelman, J. C. Lett, J. G. Green, Geo. David, Ed. Harvey, John Reed, C. R. Fakes, Cash, J. T. Schoonover, W. T. Scott, Friend, J. R. Carmichael, J. R. Potter, M. E. Torrey, William Boyd, Sam Ingalls, A. P. Killion, C. L. McMasters, L. H. Gray, J. M. Davis, J. N. Otis, Olin Pistole, Velma Frost, J. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hyde, G. V. McArthur, C. G. Downing, Walter Coleman, J. L. West, C. G. Swinford, C. G. McMillan, M. M. Ashford, Glade Wiley, Sherm Scott, W. B. Porter, C. R. Harmon, Eva M. Frost, Rosanna aHrmon, Chas. Stafford, Leslie Moore, Albert Hinton, Mrs. Laura Watson, Rev. S. C. Dayhoff, Ross Lincoln, Geo. Porterfield, Frank Ulmer, B. R. Hogue, Alva Ingalls, Clarence Gonser, A. T. Florea, Sam Pratt, Mrs. Albright, Don Albright, F. C. Van Velsen, W. F. Lett, Ernest Thull, J. L. Clayton, Wm. Wilder, W. A. Edwards, Joe Everhart, Mrs. Everhart, H. M. Lincoln, Mrs. Lincoln, W. M. Hall, Wm. McKee, J. H. Hanna, Lee Morford, Harry Porterfield, J. L. Neal, W. E. Johnson, M. F. Fakes, O. H. Null, Henry Hinton, R. B. Oliphant, M. F. Gray, I. O. Kelly, F. S. Maxon, C. Pistole, Theo. Gray, D. W. Loch, Ernest Stafford, Chas. Hornbuckle, J. H. Carmichael, A. C. Ringold, G. W. Thompson, W. A Lock, Roy McMullin, J. B. Leech Jr., John Sexton, A. L. Pistole, J. F. Godsey, C. A. Aley, J. C. Carmichael, A. E. Houston, L. B. Hanna, J. D. Nielsen, Wm. Berkey, H. T. Wray, H. H. Wagner, J. M. Craven, Pearl Baldwin, Mrs. M. House, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Morin, J. L. Carter, R. J. Shrader, C. C. Hewitt, Lanta Moberly, J. H. Scott, Mrs. Sarah Lock, J. C. Young, Mrs. Lunte, H. Garrett, Mrs. M. L. Alexander, John Lock, A. J. Sturgill, Lon Fine, Mrs. E. Berkey, C. E. Hull, J. L. Alexander, Omer Wray, Dr. W. H. Wiley, J. E. Bratcher, Omer Strong, A. H. King, J. F. Hanna, C. G. Swinford Jr., Laura Garten, L. O. Rickard, D. S. Robinson, M. L. Rickard, R. L. Runnels, E. A. Dalrimple, E. C. Simmons, J. J. Van Buren, Claud Hornbuckle, T. G. Ray, J. W. Stephens, C. C. Wilson, W. C. Alexander, Chas. Chat, Chas. Clayton, Walter Stephenson, H. H. Kiphart, A. Burch, E. E. Hackett, T. J. Alexander, G. M. Loch, S. E. Yager, J. C. Leech, E. O. Ray, C. J. Killam, L. W. Pistole, Mollie McKee, W. A. Stone, R. F. Killam, O. J. Gray, Clarence Moore, M. E. Hannon, W. C. Runnels, Irvin Loch, W. A. Maxwell, R. T. Spurgeon, H. Small, Ed Shreve, Wm.

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A Soldier's Christmas——

Have you a soldier boy to send a Christmas present to?

If you have, here is just the present you are looking for.

A BOX OF HUYLER'S CHOCOLATES.

We have made arrangements to deliver FREE OF CHARGE —

A box of Huyler's Chocolates to any army cantonment in the United States, and have it reach your soldier boy Christmas morning or any time you wish.

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You take no chances of having package crushed or boxes broken. Just pay us the regular price for the candy and we will do the rest. Order today.

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Shopping Days To Christmas

Do your shopping early. Read the Democrat-Forum daily for Christmas suggestions.

Resolve to do your Christmas advertising early. The public will buy earlier, if you'll make early suggestions.

The Democrat-Forum

Potted Poinsettias

the brightest, cherriest red of any flower.....40c to 50c per pot. Ready now.

Have your fernery for the holidays filled now. We will grow it on to establish it until you wish it delivered during December.

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Royal-Rochester Metal Ware for Christmas

We have the most exclusive line of this famous ware in articles of the greatest usefulness and beauty.

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In several different designs with aluminum, Pyrex hand-decorated and earthenware insets in beautiful nickel-plated frames.

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With nickel-plated tray, white, heat-proof china inset and hand-decorated nickel cover.

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PYREX PIE DISHES—

In various patterns, and a large assortment of other articles that will make the best Christmas Presents. Make your selection now and we will hold your package until you want it.

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We have made this the real Santa Claus Store, and have bought a larger and better line of holiday goods than ever before.

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—at the—

Bainum Hotel

The usual good Sunday Dinner will be served. It is prepared by an expert chef and you'll enjoy it.

Bring the family here Sunday. Do away with household work at your home on Sunday.

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MAIL PACKAGES EARLY

Observe These Rules When Sending Christmas Mail

The postoffice department has asked that the public co-operate with them in handling Christmas mail by mailing packages early and observing the following rules:

Prepay postage fully on all parcels.

Address parcels fully on all matter.

Pack articles carefully and wrap them securely, but do not seal them.

Mail parcels early. They may be marked, "Do not open until Christmas."

Insure valuable packages.

Written inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," and letters for purpose of description may be placed in package, but no personal letters or anything of a personal nature.

Communications prepaid at first class rate may be sent with packages provided they are securely attached to outside parcels.

Coral E. Black of Burlington Junction enlisted yesterday at St. Joseph in the aviation section.

Maintenance of Service

The difficulties of maintaining good service twenty-four hours a day and three hundred and sixty-five days a year are greater than one unacquainted with central station business would imagine.

To have every line and every piece of machinery perform the same day after day is not possible and constant attention and watchfulness are essential.

Our patrons can assist us materially by reporting promptly at any time day or night any difficulties or interruptions, so as to enable us to make our repairs promptly. Do not think that because your lights are out that the plant is shut down. This seldom ever happens and the trouble is usually local, either on your premises or in your neighborhood.

We would greatly appreciate such help and it would be to our mutual interest, as interruptions leave you without service and ourselves without the income from that service.

Maryville Electric Light and Power Company

Empire Theatre Building
Maryville, Mo.

BATON ROUGE GIRL

By MICHAEL LANE.

"Mr. Charless," she said, changing suddenly her lively expression for one that was serious but kind, "I am sorry, very, very sorry for you—but I cannot marry you."

He wilted within. He felt his very existence crumbling away. He was silent for a space. Then he said:

"Why?"

"Well, to tell you the truth, I do not love you, and surely you would not want to marry a woman who did not love you? Come now, would you! A loveless marriage!"

He took heart.

"But this would not be loveless. By no means. You know I love you. I have told you so a thousand times, have attested it with my tears—and I am not given to weeping—have proved it to you dear Katherine. I would die for you. I would lie down and let you walk upon me. I would tear out my heart and give it to you—"

"Oh, please do not say things like these," she softly interrupted. "They only pain me. I know you love me, but I do not love you. If I did—"

And she sighed.

"But you could learn, you know. You might in time."

"No," she answered languidly, "it is useless." Then, brightening, "You will recover from this. It's hard, I know, but you'll recover. You'll live to laugh at it yet. Cheer up! 'Cheer up, my merry men, nor fear, nor wind, nor wave,' as Columbus said to his mariners,"

She beamed on him, radiant like an angel. He could not resist her and he, too, smiled in turn.

"There!" she exulted, "you are better already. Didn't I tell you? And then, you know, this is only your first experience. You've never loved anybody but me, have you?"

The question hit him hard, and he changed instantly. He turned his face away from her.

"Yes," he said, as if speaking to himself.

"Oh," she said, in the most unconcerned of ways, "you never told me that before. Tell me all about it now."

"It was in Baton Rouge," he began, and his eyes themselves seemed to be in Baton Rouge as he spoke. "I was only twenty. She was eighteen. Yes, I loved her. I did, indeed."

"Was she dark or light?"

(Katherine herself was light.)

"Dark," he answered, "her hair was rich chestnut and her eyes big and brown, like the eyes of Homer's ox. She was Creole, you know, and full of the South."

Katherine (who was herself northern) moved uneasily and devoured the face of her lover with eyes of strange interest.

"Go on!" she urged. "Why didn't you marry her? Did she love you?"

"That she did," he exclaimed with animation, looking Katherine full in the face. "Oh, yes. But she was religious and there never had been a free thinker in the family."

"How did you part?" she asked.

"In tears. You see, I was a boy and intellectually proud, and I could not break my manhood by pretending to believe in a religion my intellect rejected. I could not believe in any religion whatever, and I conceived it degrading to pretend to do so."

"What was her name?" (This in a weak, hesitating voice.)

"Nana," and his lips caressed the sound.

Another long pause.

"Would you join a woman's religion now if you loved her?"

"Why, of course," replied Charless carelessly. "I am not a boy now. What difference would it make?"

He arose and walked toward the window.

"Mr. Charless," exclaimed Katherine faintly, "Why not you go down there and marry her?"

He turned. She, too, had risen, and was now near him. He looked at her fondly.

"You ought to know why," he returned.

"Would you advise me to do it? Do you think the old love would come back? I wish I knew for certain, myself."

She was very near him by this time. Her eyes were cast down and her form was shrinking. He drew close to her and touched her shoulder. In a moment her arms were around his neck and her head nestled in just the right spot. A long space of silence. Then she whispered, "Sweetheart!"

"What is it, love?"

"Do you love me more than you loved the girl in Baton Rouge?"

What answer he made I will not disclose; but I will say this, that Baton Rouge was never so far away as it was at that very moment.

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Not a Proposal.

"Miss Gwendoline, I have something to say to you."

"Yes?"

"I hardly know how to say it."

She decided to help him a little.

"One need have no hesitancy," said she, graciously, "in speaking freely to one who feels toward you as I do."

"That's what I thought. Well, you have a little too much powder on your nose."

Everything In Its Place.

When through with a thing put it where it belongs, so you will know just where to go when you want it again.

EXCITEMENT ON THE BOWERY

Hubbub Caused by Cry of "Stop Thief" on New York's Noted Highway Frightens Habitues.

A thief chase on the Bowery was a daily occurrence when that famous song was popular. Then the dips and others who infested that thoroughfare would hold up any passerby who they thought had anything that looked like money concealed on his person. But the light-fingered gentry and strong-armed fellows have found other fields more lucrative, according to a New York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

The big street is now the stamping grounds of "weary Willies" and bums whose only vocation is to panhandle the price of a drink. So one day recently, when the old familiar cry of "Stop thief" was heard the Bowery was almost paralyzed; everybody stood still and watched for the culprit. Soon they saw a tall, lean and hungry looking youth darting under the elevated pillars, but they made no effort to catch him. When the cops arrived on the scene the man had disappeared. "Where did he go?" bellowed one with a club, who held it threateningly over several men who stood in a doorway. "Did you see that guy running this way? Where did he go? Come on, now." But no one had seen the thief.

While the cops were making their search apathetic, cringing men came from the different doorways to learn what the excitement was all about. "My God," remarked one frowsy looking individual, as the cops departed, "I was scared it was some guy offering a job." And appreciative chuckles went up along the line.

MISSING VEST HUNG IN TREE

Farmer's Raiment, Containing Money, Disappeared From Bush—Crows Blamed as Guilty Culprits.

Spooky things happen and sometimes puzzle people. Occasionally they can be accounted for, as in this case, notes Copper's Magazine. One morning early in August Sayles Turner, an Eastern farmer, went to work in his hay field. As the morning was warm, Turner removed his vest and hung it on a small bush. When he quit work late in the afternoon he went for his vest, but it was gone. In the pocket of the vest was $20 in bills. Turner decided it had been stolen.

A few days ago Turner and his hired man went to the woods, five miles from his house, to cut wood. The first tree cut was a large hemlock. On a limb near the top of the tree they saw an object fluttering in the breeze. The tree was felled and the men went to the object. It was Turner's lost vest. Nineteen of the twenty dollars were in the vest pockets. The vest was badly torn, which may account for the missing dollar. Turner believes that crows carried the vest from the hay field and deposited it in the top of the tree.

Canaries Are Hardy.

The canary is a very adaptable little bird, and their biographer says that they seem to thrive in any climate where not exposed to too severe weather conditions, and, in spite of the long period they have been protected and held in captivity, they are capable of enduring a surprising degree of cold when hardened to it. In England it is not unusual to find them in outdoor aviaries throughout the year. They also seem, he says, to be able to reestablish themselves in a wild state under favorable conditions. In 1909 a brood of domestic canaries was released on Midway island, a small, sandy islet in the Hawaiian group. By 1914 they had increased until it was estimated that they numbered about 1,000.

Grant Got Him a Job.

Col. John S. Mosby, the well-known Confederate cavalry leader, had a high opinion of General Grant's magnanimity. He wrote a letter, quoted in his just published "Memoirs," to General Grant in 1885 asking the former president to aid him in securing employment from some corporation. Grant was then, unknown to Mosby, on his death bed. But he dictated a note to Governor Stanford of the Union Pacific, says Mosby, "asking him, as a personal favor, to take care of me. I was made an attorney in the company and held that position for sixteen years. In Grant's death I felt that I had lost my best friend."

Invented Graham Flour.

The use of Graham and whole wheat bread has spread remarkably in the last few years. The inventor of Graham bread and flour was Rev. Sylvester Graham, a New England clergyman, who died in Northampton, Mass., 66 years ago, having devoted the major part of his life to the advocacy of a vegetarian dietetic theory. In 1839 he introduced Graham bread, made of unsifted wheat flour, and thereafter urged its use in books, pamphlets and lectures. At first the masses of housewives turned a deaf ear toward his arguments, but gradually Graham flour won its way and became an established commercial product.

A Bad Precedent.

"Why do you want a divorce from your husband?" asked a friend of the family.

"Because he isn't the man I thought he was when I married him," sobbed the young wife.

"My dear child, a general application of that principle would break up nearly every home in the country."

Society and Clubland

By MISS LUTA MOODY.
Hanamo, 42. Farmers, 114

Will Meet with Mrs. Belting.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will meet Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. H. Belting, with Mrs. Belting, Mrs. E. M. Claypool and Mrs. Fred Wolfers ,hostesses.

8 o'Clock 'Possum Dinner.

Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Templeton entertained at 8 o'clock 'possum dinner last night at their home on South Main street. The guests were Grant Trusty, D. N. Scott, Fred Vandersloot, Brint Embree, Joe Fogan, T. C. Knox, Walter Messenger and Ed McCleave of Hopkins.

Joint Social.

The Men's Organized Bible Class and the Amoma class of the Baptist church held a joint social last night at the church parlors. A good crowd was in attendance. Games and music furnished plenty of amusement for the afternoon. Light refreshments were served.

Mrs. George Moore Hostess.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Methodist church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Moore. Twenty-five members and two visitors were present. Mrs. Guy Haller led devotions and Miss Mary Evans had charge of the program. Mrs. N. F. Hopper, Mrs. Adam Kern and Mrs. L. L. Holbrook took part in the program.

For Orlin Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stephenson entertained with a three course dinner last night in honor of Orlin Kelley of Camp Funston, who is home on a two weeks furlough. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelley, Orlin Kelley, Elijah Stevenson, Frona Stevenson, Dessa Gault, Thelma May Stevenson, Hazel Stevenson, Fred Stevenson and the host and hostess.

W. F. M. S. of Burlington Junction Met.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Methodist church at Burlington Junction met Tuesday with Mrs. Frank Nicholas. Mrs. R D. Corken was the leader for the afternoon. A short program was given. During the social hour refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Harvey and Mrs. O. F. Wilson.

Baptist Bazaar.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church will give their annual bazaar and chicken dinner in the church parlors next Thursday. Handkerchiefs, aprons, caps and miscellaneous articles will be offered for sale and the customary candy booth will be replaced by a market. A chicken dinner will be served at noon, but there will be no evening meal.

Skidmore Couple Wed.

Miss Bernice Linville, daughter of J. S. Linville, and George Knepper both of Skidmore, were married at noon, Wednesday, December 5, at the bride's home, the Rev. M. Dewitt officiating. After the ceremony dinner was served to the bridal party and their close friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Knepper left for a short honeymoon trip to points in Nebraska. They will make their home on a farm west of Skidmore.

P. E. O. Party.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wilderman entertained the members of the P. E. O. Chapter ,their husbands and a few friends at a "war party" last night at their home on East Lawn avenue. Mrs. Charles Wadley and Mrs. J. E. Bailey assisted in entertaining. Patriotic decorations were used in the parlors, and in the luncheon, which was served. The talley and score cards were tiny flags, and the prizes were patriotic favors and went to Mrs. Arch Frank and Charles Wadley. About forty guests were present. Mrs. Ben Turner of Sayre, Okla., and Miss Mabel Dunshee of Stanberry, were the only out of town guests present.

Mrs. Ed. Cummins Hostess.

The Loyal Auxiliary, a newly organized organization of Red Cross workers formed by the ladies of the W. C. I. Club, met at th ehome of Mrs. Ed. Cummins yesterday afternoon. The time was devoted to making absorbent and irrigating pads for surgical work. The club requests all members to attend the next meeting prepared to do sewing or any work connected with the making of dressings for the Red Cross. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. W. J. Fox next Wednesday. It was decided at the meeting yesterday to dispense with serving refreshments at future meetings, and to devote the regular social hour to work. — Burlington Junction Post.

Christmas BOOKS

NEW BOOKS JUST IN.

"Over the Top," Empey.
"The Dwelling Place of Light," Winston Churchill.
"The Major," Ralph Connor.
"All in It," Major Ian Hay Beith.
"Fanny Herself," Edna Ferber.
"The Luck of the Irish," Harold McGrath.
"My Four Years in Germany," Gerard.
And many others.
Also new copyright books, only 60c each.

Kuchs Brothers

Books Jewelry Stationery

Held All Day Meeting.

The Herron Homemaking Circle met in an all day session at the home of Mrs. J. C. F. Taylor. The day was spent working for the soldiers. A class in knitting was started, a number of gauze dressings were made and two sewing machines were kept busy all day. Dinner was served to the following: Mrs. Virgil Guthrie, Miss Nellie Trullinger, Mrs. S. E. Fisher, Miss Clydell White, Mrs. Chance Evans, Miss Nellie Fisher, Mrs. Charles T. Porter and baby daughter, Miss Mary Taylor, Mrs. Ed Vulgamont and Mrs. Frank Hull, Mrs. L. E. White, Mrs. J. C. White and Mrs. O. J. Willhoyte were guests. On Wednesday, December 12, the auxiliary will hold another all day meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. F. Taylor..

An All Day Meeting.

The Ladies' Aid and the Woman's Missionary Societies held a Christmas Kensington at the Presbyterian church yesterday. The morning session began at 10:30 o'clock when Mrs. S. G. Gillam led the devotional exercises. Mrs. Geo. H. Colbert gave the introduction to the Home Mission study book, entitled, "Missionary Milestones." Lunch was served at noon. The afternoon meeting began at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Fred Yeomans gave a review of the second chapter, "Landmarks of Liberty." Mrs. Gallatin Craig reviewed the third chapter, "On New Soil," and Miss Jessie Parcher had the fourth chapter on, "The Road of Strong Hearts." Mrs. F. S. King talked on the Home Mission movement and leaders. Mrs. S. E. Davis concluded the survey of the book by reviewing the sixth chapter, "Home Mission Honor Roll." A business meeting was held during which the pastor, S. A. Coile, gave an address. Two visitors, Mrs. W. W. Turner and Mrs. Zenor, attended the meeting.

A Party for Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

A pleasant surprise party was given last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Evans south of Bedison, in honor of Mr. Evans' thirty-third birthday anniversary. Various games furnished amusements for the evening and at a late hour refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ross of Ravenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Evans, W. M. Swinford, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Evans of Maryville, Mr. and Mrs. Chance Evans of Maryville, Mr. and Mrs. George Swinford, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Swinford, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wright of Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swearingen, Mrs. Osborn and daughter, Mrs. Jess Swearingen and daughter, Miss Nellie Trullinger of Maryville, Etta and May Evans, Mildred Hubbell and Nellie Pittsenberger of Bolckow, Corda Smith of Arkoe, Lemmon, Ona and William Hubbell of Bolekow, Louie and Carl Swearingen, Neva and Theron Evans, Vivian Ross, Richard Swinford, Truman Pasch, Marie, Marvin and Donald Swinford, Lewis, William and Fred Davidson, Elvett, Beulah and Virgil Davidson, Fern, Velma, Doyle and Emma Evans.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

About twenty members attended the W. C. T. U. meeting yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church parlors. Mrs. C. B. Roberts gave a report of the State Convention held at Warrensburg and Mrs. C. Emerson Miller gave an interesting talk on Convention of the Christian churches at Kansas City. A regular business session was also held.

Miss Katherine Newman Weds.

Announcements were received in Maryville this morning of the marriage of Miss Katherine Jones Newman to Mr. Theodore Gourdin Scott, on Tuesday, December 4, at the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. James B. Newman, at Somerset, Va. The bride is well known here and is a graduate of the Maryville High school. Her parents moved away from this city several years ago.

Met With Mrs. Everhart.

The Social Hour Club met December 5 with Mrs. Joe Everhart. Roll call was answered by describing noted men. Recitations were given by Mrs. Jas. Hanna and Mrs. Leslie Hanna. Mrs. Ernest Stafford and Mrs. Clarence Wade gave several beautiful selections on the piano. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Ernest Stafford and Miss Minnie Everhart. The guests present were: Mrs. Clarence Wade and son, Joe, of Stanberry, Miss Cecil Porterfield, Miss Golda Loch and Miss Minnie Everhart. The members present were: Mrs. Roy McMullen, Mrs. Will Spangler, Mrs. Theo Gray, Mrs. Murell Morris, Mrs. James Hanna, Mrs. W. P. Scott, Mrs. Leslie Hanna, Mrs. George Porterfield, Mrs. Omer Strong, Mrs. Ernest Stafford, Mrs. C. A. Loch, Mrs. Capels Wilson, Miss Tressie King and the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. O. Gray, December 19. All members are urged to be present as the election of officers will be held.

BARNARD SCHOOLS CLOSED

Scarlet Fever Causes Town Board to Issue Order — No Public Meeting Will be Held for a Week

Because scarlet fever is reported in two families with children attending the Barnard schools, the school board ordered the schools closed today to remain closed a week or until such a time as it may be safe to resume. The pupils having the disease are children of B. F. Tompkins and Mark Carmen.

The town board has ordered all places where public gatherings are held to be closed for a similar time. It is hoped that these restrictive measures which the boards of the town and school have so promptly made will prevent the spread of the fever.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Startling

Is the difference in prices of meat, etc, since

The Packer's Market Co.

opened in Maryville

We itend to keep the prices down w ithin the reach of all. Strictly cash and no delivery is one reason why we can offer the following low special prices for—

SATURDAY ONLY

Prime rib roasts, lb	16c	Pork loin roasts, lb	29c
Fresh beef tongues, lb	22½c	Pork shoulders, lb	25c
Boiling beef (while it lasts), lb	12½c	Pork melts, lb	7½c
Native beef roasts, lb	16c	Pig's feet, per dozen	35c
Rump roasts, lb	17½c	Spare ribs, lb	22½c
Fancy steaks, lb	17½c	Neck bones, lb	10c
Veal roasts, lb	17½c	Pure pork sausage, lb	27½c
Veal stew, lb	16c	10 lb pails pure lard for	$3.00
Veal chops, lb	20c	No. 10 pails compound for	$2.50
Lamb roasts, lb	17½c	Cooking Oleomargarine, lb	25c
Lamb legs, lb	25c	The finest grade of Oleo, lb	30c
Rib or loin lamb chops, lb	30c	Fresh side pork, lb	32½c

NOTICE—We can quote speci al prices on lard in 60 lb tub lots, whole quarters of Beef. Hotels and boarding houses, get our prices.

Kipperal salmon, lb	35c	Fancy oysters, pint	40c
4 large bloaters for	25c	WE WANT RABBITS — HIGHEST PRICES PAID	
Smoked boneless herring, lb	30c		

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

George Swaney of Pickering was a Maryville visitor today.

You find unlaid yolks in hens because grain doesn't make enough whites. Grain averages 224 yolks to only 154 whites.

Purina Chicken Chowder with Purina Scratch Feed contains elements for 212.33 whites, 214.77 yolks.

Note perfect balance and large number, 99 out of 100 hens eat too much grain which forms fat and cuts down egg laying. Feed 100 lbs. Purina Scratch Feed to 100 lbs. Purina Chicken Chowder—you'll use less feed and get

MORE EGGS—OR MONEY BACK

Money paid for Purina Chicken Chowder will be refunded if hens do not lay more eggs when fed Purina Chicken Chowder as directed with Purina Scratch Feed, than when fed any other ration. Sold only in checkerboard bags.

Sold by

Maryville Feed & Milling Co.
Chas. Childress, Salesman
Maryville, Missouri.

LAW DOESN'T REACH

SHERMAN ACT CANNOT CHECK BOOSTING OF PRICES

'WAR LAWS' HELPED SOME

Attorney General Gregory, in Report to Congress, Recommends Law to Regulate Enemy Aliens

Washington, Dec. 7. — The anti-trust law has been no better than a dulled sword so far as coping with the phenomenal increase in the cost of living during the last year,, according to the annual report of Attorney General Gregory, submitted to congress today.

"Increase in prices, brought about not by agreement, conspiracy or monopoly, but by a common selfish impulse of traders to take advantage of the extraordinary condition of the times, are not punishable under the anti-trust laws, no matter how completely lacking in economic justification, no matter how extortionate," the attorney general declares. He points out that the increases in such commodities as food have been worked locally in restricted communities, and, not constituting interstate commerce within the meaning of the law, have not been within the reach of the federal punitive statutes.

The passage of the food and fuel control acts have assisted in handling the situation to some extent, but the majority of cases of which complaint has been made are outside federal jurisdiction, it is stated. However, federal agents have been active, and whenever the violations have been of such a character as to permit federal interference, such interference has resulted. Eighteen anti-trust cases have been instituted during the past year—six civil and twelve criminal—according to the report. Fifteen have been determined.

To Control Enemy Aliens.

The attorney general recommends to congress enactment of legislation conferring upon the president power to regulate entry and departure of all persons, both citizens and aliens, to and from American possessions during a state of war. Such a law would enable the federal authorities to prevent the exodus of Germans to Mexico and prevent the entrance to this country of persons undesirable in time of war, but who cannot be denied admission under the present statutes, framed only to meet peace conditions. It is known that hundreds have left this country to go to Mexico, Venezuela an dother Latin American countries, where they are carrying on propaganda hostile to the cause of the Allies.

The attorney general also recommends legislation defining as a criminal offense violations of the president's proclamation relating to enemy aliens. The government believes that violators of the proclamation must be so severely dealt with that strict compliance with its terms will be more certain.

1917 Pumpkin Pie.

One cup molasses, one quart cooked pumpkin, grated, peel one lemon, one-half teaspoon each nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon, four eggs.

Heat the molasses and stir into the pumpkin; add the seasoning and the beaten youlks of the eggs. Mix well; add the stiffly beate nwhites of the eggs. Bake in a pudding dish. Serve cold. Mashed sweet potato may be used in place of the pumpkin if thinned with one and a half cups of milk. —Farm Life.

PIG'S BLADDERS AS DECOYS

Suggestion They Would Be Mistaken for Chinese Heads in Water Won Prize as Best Idea.

During the war between China and Japan in 1894 Viceroy Liu Kun-yi issued a proclamation offering a reward to any one who could suggest a plan for destroying the enemy fleet. The prize was won by an old literary gentleman who suggested that a large number of pig's bladders should be procured and blown up tight. Then, when the wind was blowing off shore towards the fleet, these should be put in the water and the enemy would mistake them for the heads of Chinese soldiers swimming out to attack, and would open fire with all their guns. When all their ammunition was fired away the Chinese could then go out in boats and secure possession of the vessels without loss. To the foreign mind it sounded very funny, but it was quite a classical scheme.

During the Three Kingdom times the city of Hwangchow was being besieged by a hero who had clean run out of arrows. He thereupon manned a fleet of boats with straw men, and sent them under the walls at night, when the defenders shot them full of arrows. In this way he replenished his own magazine and depleted that of his opponents, thus capturing the city easily.

PANIC AMONG BUFFALO HERD

Dummy, Operated at Suggestion of Cartoonist McCutcheon, Causes Bisons to Flee Jungle.

When John McCutcheon was hunting in Africa he was almost as much interested in taking pictures of the game as in killing it. For a few days there was a large herd of buffaloes grazing near his camp, and he was keen to go out with his camera and try his luck.

Mr. McCutcheon had a wonderful idea. If he and another man got inside a buffalo's hide they could go among the herd and easily get dozens of valuable pictures.

The day that they were to try this experiment McCutcheon had killed his first lion and was too tired to go out and play among the buffaloes. So another man was persuaded to take his place, a very tall man. He took the hind part and the other man took the fore. The tall man was a little agitated and when they got near where the buffaloes were grazing his emotions increased.

All went well until they were really among the beasts; then the gentleman in the hind legs forgot himself and kept raising his head. The buffaloes saw one of their brothers with a lively, undulating back. Panic seized them. They fled to the jungle.

Value of Love.

No, I tell you, a little love goes a long way, observes the Los Angeles Times. Love was intended as a piquant condiment, never as a whole meal. Hate may endure through generations, but love can't stand a week under the same roof without an ingenious admixture of other ingredients. Love rules the world—exactly. For the reason that it is scarce and precious, delightfully uncommon, and therefore valuable. Diamonds themselves would lose their value if you could pick 'em up in the streets. Gold would be cheaper than tinsel if there was enough of it to go round. Gold and love are both powerful for the same reason—hard to find, difficult to get, still more difficult to keep.

West Virginia Soil.

Nearly two-thirds of the land area of West Virginia is in farms. All soils are from disintegration of limestone, sandstone or mixtures of shales and clays. The soil is generally fertile and does not wash into gullies, the land being productive to the tops of the mountains. Clay soil is found in some of the higher portions, alluvial soil in the uplands, and unproductive sandy soil in the northeast. In the extreme northeastern counties the soil is of rich limestone. West of the mountains the broad, flat hills furnish grazing for cattle, while the valleys produce good crops.

Historic Paving Stones.

There are several remarkable historic paving stones in Edinburgh upon which the visitors make a point of standing. One is the Heart of Midlothian, a heart formed in stones marking the spot where the old Tolbooth stood. Another is the paving stone in the Grassmarket which marks the spot where the old gallows stood on which, in the words of the old records, "hundreds of Covenanters glorified God," and the third is a little square flagstone bearing the inscription, "J. K., 1572." It marks the spot where John Knox was buried, once the churchyard of the cathedral, now in the middle of the thoroughfare.

Write Cheery Letters.

One girl has a plan which has worked out admirably. She never writes any of her troubles to her people. She decided when she started out in life for herself that she would never write of her worries. If she were in any real difficulty she would use the telegraph. And she would use it only to solve a problem which could not be solved in any other way.

So far she has been able to work out all her problems without writing of her worries. She has never telegraphed, because she has found that with earnest effort she has been able to work out all of her own difficulties.

'LIZABETH ANN.

By ELIZABETH ACKENS.

'Lizabeth Ann was tired, lonely and hot. Little hall bedrooms under the eaves of old-fashioned houses, three stories high are, as a rule, freezingly cold in the winter, and unbearably hot in the summer. Her tiny room was no exception. Besides, she wanted desperately to go home. A letter from her father that morning had made her homesick. "Better come home, 'Lizabeth Ann," it read. "The climbing roses are all pink and white and sweet; also, we are getting wonderful vegetables from the garden. Too bad you are so far away; we would send you some if New York were a little nearer to Ohio."

"No," thought 'Lizabeth Ann dismally. "Nothing keeps here—not even my usually sweet disposition." She shook her small fist at the image frowning at her from the mirror. "They all expect you to come flying home, Lizzie-Ann, the first time any little thing goes wrong, but you're going to fool them. You are not going to do it. Not when that blessed daddy of yours has raked and scraped every cent together to give this year of music in New York."

Two salty tears ran down the side of her straight little nose, but she brushed them away impatiently. She decided to take a ride on the Fifth avenue bus and forget her troubles.

She dressed carefully, putting on a ruffled white dress and white shoes and stockings. When all else was ready, she took from its box and tissue paper wrappings a broad-brimmed white hat. It was a lovely hat, with its wreath of dull blue corn flowers, and 'Lizabeth Ann adored it.

She went down stairs, tying, as she went, three dimes in the corner of her handkerchief. Two were for her fare and one for a soda water afterward. As she climbed the perilous stairs to the top of the car, her attention was attracted to a young man sitting on one of the front seats. He looked so white and ill that 'Lizabeth Ann's heart went out to him in pity.

As it happened, the only vacant seat was the place next to him, and as the girl sat down she heard a smothered exclamation. Realizing that her broad hat must have grazed his cheek, she flushed.

"I'm so sorry," she said gently. "It must have hurt, and I am afraid you have been ill, too."

"Typhoid," he said briefly, but 'Lizabeth, seeing him smile, knew he was not offended.

She found herself thinking of him as the bus rolled and lurched on its way, and as for Richard Bennett, he cursed the convention that made it impossible for him and this sweet-voiced, pretty girl to talk together and then, in the midst of these rebellious thoughts, he saw her handkerchief lying on the floor at his feet. As he stooped to pick it up, he felt the coins in the corner, and a wild idea came to him. Why not? He had heard many times that everything was fair in love and war. Unobserved by the girl, he placed the little piece of linen in his pocket.

When 'Elizabeth Ann saw the conductor starting on his round to collect the fares, she felt for her handkerchief. It was not where she had put it, in her belt, and she frantically looked under the seat and around the floor. She cast a desperate look at the young man beside her.

"Have you lost anything? Can I be of any service to you?" His voice was the voice of a gentleman.

"I've lost my handkerchief, with my money in it. If you will be kind enough to pay the conductor, and will give me your name and address, I will send you the money in the morning." Richard smiled reassuringly into her troubled face as he dropped the two dimes in the box.

"It's funny, isn't it, how accidents will happen at the most inopportune times! I remember one time—" and before she realized it, 'Lizabeth Ann found herself listening to the interesting conversation of this stranger.

When she got off the bus, he got off, too, and it seemed perfectly natural for him to walk to her door with her. As they reached the steps he held out his hand. 'Lizabeth Ann put hers into it, thinking he wanted to shake hands. When she drew it away, she saw that her handkerchief, with the coins in the corner, lay in her palm. She stared at it bewildered. "But—I don't understand!"

Richard took her two hands tightly in his.

"Of course, you don't understand, little - Girl - Whose - Name - I - Don't Know, because you don't believe any more than I did in love at first sight. But I'm going to make you believe in love at second or third sight — if you'll give me the chance."

Her answer was very brief: "Maybe." But as she ran upstairs on winged feet, the little handkerchief, smelling very much of tobacco smoke now was held tightly against her lips.

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An Instance.

"How odd it is that people can become so firmly attached to a bad custom."

"True; look at the street car strap-hangers."

His Achievements.

"That marrying parson has one agricultural habit."

"What is that?"

"I notice he is often engaged in removing widows' weeds."

FEW VISIT INLAND TURKEY

Americans Are Not Acquainted With Thriving City of Kaisariyeh, an Ancient Metropolis.

Of the real Turkey few Americans have a clear picture. Constantinople and Smyrna, a few seaports—thousands of Americans have seen those. Very few Americans have made the inland voyage. Behold, thne, the city of Kaisariyeh, half-way between the Mediterranean and the Black sea, served by no railroad, yet a thriving place of 60,000 people, playing something like the rôle of a Chicago to Constantinople's New York, writes a correspondent.

Aproaching Kaisariyeh of a morning one sees it haloed by a haze of light blue smoke. It rises from the fumes from the charcoal braziers, which are set out on the roofs until they are well alight, for these first fumes from the slowly burning charcoal, odorless and scarcely visible, are fatal in the inclosed air of a room. Later the clear sunlight bathes the housetops and the towering form of Mount Argaeus rises like a snow-capped sentinel behind the city. The streets are full of a motley crowd, gray-bearded sheiks of the old regime pausing to exhange the elaborate bows and greetings ordained by formality, and young officers of the Young Turks' party riding by on restless horses.

At sunrise, noon and sunset, the boom of a single cannon thuds out from the roof of the old palace. This cannon serves as the town clock, and as all the ritual of prayer and fasting commanded by the prophet for the different feasts is regulated by its thunder, the old man who serves it is one of the most important local functionaries.

HISTORIC OLD SUN TAVERN

One of Boston's Landmarks, Built in 1690, for Many Years Used as a Fish Market.

One of the early taverns of Boston was the Sun tavern which stood but a few feet from the water's edge and was built about 1690. For some years it was kept by a Huguenot from Rochelle named Cogneau. He made it one of the most popular of taverns and it was particularly popular with the young men of Boston and surrounding country, partly for the reason that mine host Cogneau had several very attractive and lively daughters who added a great deal to the charms of the hostelry. Their father had the privilige of seeing two of them married in the tavern, one of them becoming the wife of Col. William Palfrey, the famous Revolutionary patriot. He became the grandfather of the noted writer, John G. Palfrey.

Another daughter of this genial host of the Sun tavern married a successful printer named Fleet. During the siege of Boston the British seized the house and they changed its name to the King's Arms. But when the Red Coats had been chased out of Boston the sign of the King's Arms quickly disappeared and the old sign of the Sun Tavern took its place and the tavern took on its olden time popularity. It has for many years been used as a fish market.

Sulu Women Warriors.

In the Philippines American soldiers on several occasions came in contact with Sulu women warriors. In one of the last battles on the islands the Sulus fortified themselves in the bowl of an extinct volcano. It was rushed and captured by American soldiers, who discovered to their dismay, after the battle, that a number of their antagonists had been women. Their figures were as slim as those of the men; both sexes wore their hair long, with handkerchiefs over their heads, and the women wore trousers similar to those worn in Turkey. Thus they were practically indistinguishable from the men. The bravery of these women warriors appears all the more remarkable when it is recalled that according to the Mohammedan faith a man who is slain while fighting Christians is translated at once to heaven, but as the women are not supposed to have souls their sacrifice of life is without hope of reward in a hereafter.

Sane, but Insane.

Sane but mad, according to the doctors, a man has been released from a London asylum. He had been suffering from insomnia and was given an injection of some preparation of morphia, the effects of which were practically unknown. He went to stay at a boarding house and in giving a reading from Dickens impersonated Pickwick. As "Pickwick" was in the middle of his performance the doctor who had attended him came to the house, and, assuming his dressing up to be an act of insanity, gave a certificate next day for his removal to the country asylum.

Some Wave.

Benevolent Old Lady (to Jack Tar) —I suppose you have seen some hard times, sailor?

Jack Tar—Lor' lumme, mum, I should just say I 'ave. Why, me and six pals was once on the crest of one wave for fourteen hours with only one bit of baccy to chew between us.—London Ideas.

Her Desire.

Alice—It's quite a secret, but I was married last week to Dick Gay.

Jane—Indeed! I should have thought you'd be the last person in the world to marry him.

Alice—Well, I hope I am!—Pearson's Weekly.

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ARTICLES FOR THE RED CROSS ARE NEEDED

The report that has been circulated in various communities that the supply service of the Red Cross is no longer in need of garments and surgical dressings is absolutely without foundation. As was stated in the last issue of Important Items, the need for surgical dressings becomes greater each day. The same is true as regards all garments and knitted goods made by Red Cross chapters. It certainly stands to reason that as winter approaches and our own men become more involved in actual warfare, that instead of lessening, the need for these materials will be greatly increased.

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COUNTY FARM BUREAU PLAN

Movement is Being Taken Up All Over the State as a Means of Encouraging Production

Here is just one more item to be added to the growing list of things Missouri is doing to help win the war. The emergency county agent is a part of the national defense plan. The movement was proposed as a means of encouraging production. As soon as the movement was started in Missouri, counties began organization plans. Up to date, Mississippi, Lincoln, Linn, Adair, Sullivan, Worth, Livingston, Dunklin, Stoddard, Polk, and Cass counties have completed farm bureau organizations and have either employed or are planning to employ an agricultural agent.

The work which was done in Cass county is an example of what can be accomplished by an organized club of farmers. In a campaign of two weeks these farmers, who were assisted by E. A. Ikenberry, agent for Jackson county, obtained a farm bureau membership of 735. The membership fee was $1.00. In addition to this, a farmers' committee obtained from the banks of the county $400. This money will be used for paying the expenses of the farm bureau during the coming year.

Forty-five counties have applied for organization work. The eleven counties which have recently completed organization together with the old county agent counties make a total of 25 counties which are in the work. Polk, Dunklin, Marion and Atchison counties have completed organization for women's work.

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NO MORE LEAVES FOR HIM

Canadian Says It Takes Heart Out of One to Get Out of the Muddy Trenches.

"I won't go back to the trenches," said a Canadian on leave the other day, according to a Paris correspondent. "I've had enough. Seventeen months without leave. I've overstayed my leave three days now, and I won't go back until they catch me. I'd rather be in jail than at the front."

The other men at his table listened in silence.

"I won't go back, I tell you," he repeated. "This war is getting worse and worse. There never was such fighting as we've just gone through. Don't let anybody tell you the Boche is quitting. He's fighting harder than he ever did."

The others looked at each other silently. One of them nodded in affirmative.

"It's just murder, I tell you," the Canadian burst out again, hitting the table with his fist. "Murder! A man hasn't got a Chinaman's chance out there."

The next day the same man appeared.

"I'm going 'home,'" said he. These men refer to the trenches as "home." "Only, if this war lasts forty years I'll never ask for another leave. I can't stand it. It takes the heart out of you to get out of that muddy hell for a time and see decent people."

He got up to go.

"After all," he said, "I'll do it again. A man's got to do it, you know."

HE WAS "LOGIE" TO THEM

General Who Makes Soldiers Out of Canadian Recruits So Introduced Himself to Villagers.

There was much excitement in the small village of Angus (Ontario, Can.) when work was started to transform the old pine plains into the greatest Canadian army camp—Camp Borden, observes a Canadian correspondent. The sight of soldiers and high-up military men strolling down the streets caused, to say the least, a sensation.

Two villagers were talking about the new camp one day when they noticed an imposing, well-built officer walking briskly towards them.

"Is it the general?" they asked each other, meaning Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, then minister of militia for Canada.

When the officer reached them one of the villagers stepped up to him, and with the easy familiarity of a country man hailed him as follows:

"Here, there! Are you Sam?"

The officer chuckled and entered into the spirit of it and said: "Me Sir Sam! Oh, no! Why I'm only a little fellow. Sir Sam's a prize boxer compared to me!"

"Well, what's your name, then?" the villager queried.

"Oh, I'm only Logie," was the answer of the modest but well-beloved soldier, who holds a proud record in Canada for the thousands of recruits he has turned into valiant defenders of humanity, General Logie of Toronto.

The Moon and the Weather.

People who rely on the moon as a weather indicator, writes a London Chronicle correspondent, must have very short memories, for accurate comparisons prove conclusively that there is no connection whatever between the weather and the moon's changes of phase.

Professor Schuster analyzed a whole century's weather records and, as a result, was unable to trace any lunar period in them. Several authorities are agreed, however, that there is a tendency for clouds to disperse as a full moon comes to the meridian of any place; but it is a far cry from that to the definite belief that the weather changes with a change of the lunar phases.

These changes, of course, can be predicted for years in advance with perfect accuracy, and if the weather depended on them, weather forecasting would be the simplest of all the sciences, instead of the most difficult.

The Blind Soldiers.

Statistics furnished by the French-British authorities to the American-British-French Belgian Permanent Blind Relief War Fund of 590 Fifth avenue, New York, show that there are in England, France and Belgium more than 3,000 soldiers who have been totally blinded in the war and nearly 25,000 blinded in one eye, a large proportion of whom will eventually lose the sight of the other as the result of shock or of the wounds themselves. In addition there are in France alone nearly 200 who, besides losing both eyes, have also suffered, by explosions or amputation, the loss of both arms or both legs, or a hand, and in many cases have been rendered stone deaf into the bargain.

Another Poor Guess.

Charles Darwin was the subject of a very drastic parental prophecy which went very far wrong. He was very fond of country life, and as his father's taste did not lie in the same direction, that stern parent said to Charles: "You care for nothing but shooting, dogs, and rat-catching, and you will be a disgrace to yourself and all your family."

Decay of Metals.

The most remarkable example of allotropic disintegration of metals is perhaps that of tin. The investigation has shown that the disease can only occur in a temperature not exceeding 64.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Tin decay is, therefore, most prevalent in cold climates.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:—

Pleas bring me a daisy air gun and a sled.

WILLIAM CARMICHAEL,
703 E. 2nd St., Maryville, Mo.

Dear Santa:—

Pleas bring me a cork gun an a little train an a pair of mittens.

LESTER KUNKEL,
703 E. 2nd St., Maryville, Mo.
Age 7 years.

Dear Santa:—

Please bring me a bank and a pair of mittens and a pair of over shoes an air gun, and a slead.

GERALD CARMICHAEL,
703 E. 2nd St., Maryville, Mo.
Age 8 years. Dec. 4. 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:—

Please bring me a little train and pair of mittens and pair of overshoes, an a air gun.

HAROLD CARMICHAEL,
Maryville, Mo.
Age 8 years. 703 East 2nd St.
Dec. 4, 1917.

SANTA CLAUS
Ravenwood, Mo., Dec. 3, 1917.
R. R. No. 2.

Dear Santa Claus.—Papa says Santa Claus, you are poor this year. But please bring me a Poland-China sow, a thoroughbred, as I am in the Ruralist pig club and I want to win. Please bring a winner and I want a gun to shoot chicken thieves and skunks and a book about cow boys and Indians, as it's war times. I won't ask for any more only chocolate candy. Your friend,

BAUBLITS WRIGHT,
Age 9, Ravenwood, Mo.

Quitman, Mo., Dec. 6. 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:—

I will tell you what i want, I want a air rifle and a tablet, big doll and candy and nuts.

I am 7 years old and live near Wilcox.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santy.—I don't want much for Xmas; only a little wagon with horsies on it. You can take the rest of my things to the little boys and girls what don't have any mammas or papas. Mamma says you are going to go over and help Uncle Sammy fight the mean, old kaiser. This is all.

EDWARD GODSEY.

P. S.—Don't forget the children what don't have any mammas or papas.

Ravenwood, Mo., Dec. 3.

Dear Santa Claus. — Please bring peace to the world so my papa won't have to go to war, as we can't get along without him.

Please bring slippers for my dolls and paints and bring me a cat to kill the mice. Papa says that you are no friend of his Santa Claus, but mother and I like you, so be good to us.

Yours truly,
ELSIE MAE WRIGHT,
Age 8 years.

Ravenwood, Mo., Dec. 4.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl eight years old and I would like for you to visit me and leave me a cloak, muff and some candy and oranges; and my little sister, Ruth, wants a sleepy doll with curls; and brother Glen says he will be perfectly happy if he can get a rifle to shoot rabbits, or anything else he happens to hit, for he never takes aim. Come down the north chimney for the south one is crooked and you might get stuck, and I would sure keep you all for myself. Your little friend,

ETHEL SWEARINGEN,
R. 3, Box 22.

TO LIVE LONG

A recipe given by a famous physician for long life was: "Keep the kidneys in good order! Try to eliminate thru the skin and intestines the poisons that otherwise clog the kidneys. Avoid eating meat as much as possible; avoid too much salt, alcohol, tea. Try a milk and vegetable diet. Drink plenty of water, and exercise so you sweat—the skin helps to eliminate the toxic poisons and uric acid."

For those past middle life, or those easily recognized symptoms of inflammation, as backache, scalding "water," or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, "rusty" joints, stiffness, get Anuric at the drug store. This is a wonderful eliminator of uric acid and was discovered by Dr. Pierce of Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. If your druggist does not keep it send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for trial package and you will know that it is many times more potent than lithia and that it dissolves uric acid as hot water does sugar.

A MISSOURI MOTHER

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The bachelor has an exemption of $1,000 and pays 2 per cent of the remaining $1,860, while the married man escapes taxation up to $2,000 and is charged 2 per cent on $860. Married and unmarried women pay similar amounts, provided the former is the sole support of the family.

Suppose a man makes $30 a week and his wife makes $25. The couple will be exempt up to $2,000 joint income and will have to pay the $17.20 tax. However, if they own property, they may claim further exemption for mortgage interest, taxes, water rents or any other personal indebtedness, which, if it amounts to $860, will leave them tax free so far as the United States government is concerned.

If they are propertyless and debt-free, they may yet escape taxation if they have five children, for the government allows $200 exemption for each child. Repairs on rented property and gifts to certain charities up to 15 per cent of one's income are also proper claims for exemption.

The bachelor who pays $1,860 or more in interest on any kind of personal indebtedness may stagger along without worry about the income tax. It is "net" income which must be figured. Suppose his yearly payments amount to $1,000. He has his original exemption of $1,000, an additional $1,000 exemption for debt and will pay a tax on $860, which, at 2 per cent, is $17.20, or just what married men of the same income class must pay.

All persons making $55 gross income must file a return with the collector of internal revenue on or before March 1, 1918.

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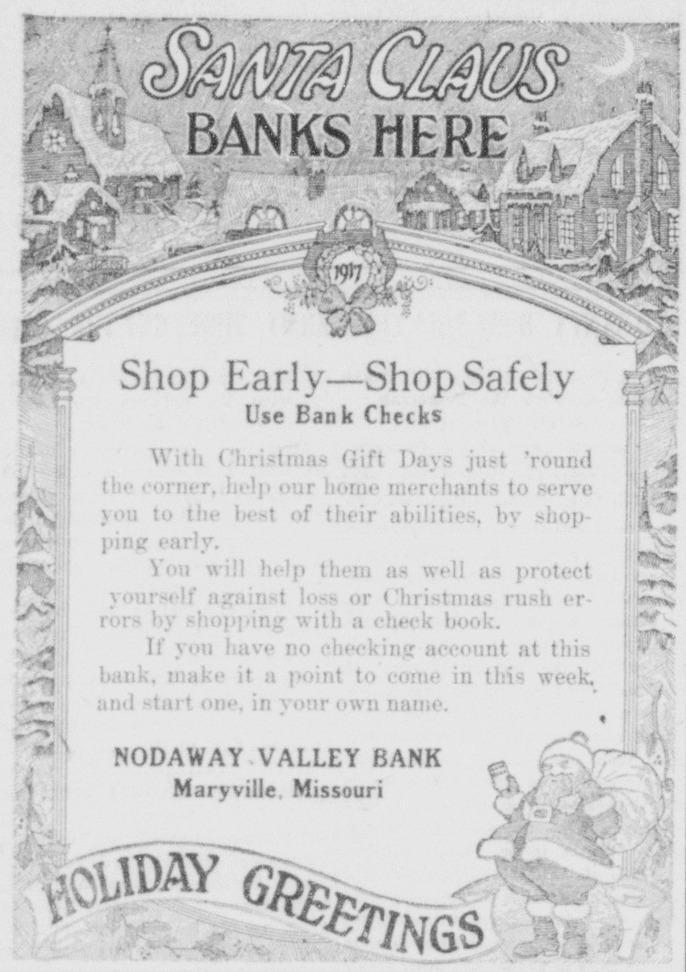
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BANKS HERE
1917
Shop Early—Shop Safely
Use Bank Checks
With Christmas Gift Days just 'round the corner, help our home merchants to serve you to the best of their abilities, by shopping early.
You will help them as well as protect yourself against loss or Christmas rush errors by shopping with a check book.
If you have no checking account at this bank, make it a point to come in this week, and start one, in your own name.
NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
Maryville, Missouri
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Too Sick To Work

Many Women in this Condition Regain Health by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Convincing Proof of This Fact

Ridgway, Penn. — "I suffered from female trouble with backache and pain in my side for over seven months so I could not do any of my work. I was treated by three different doctors and was getting discouraged when my sister-in-law told me how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had helped her. I decided to try it, and it restored my health, so I now do all of my housework which is not light as I have a little boy three years old." —Mrs. O. M. RHINES Ridgway, Penn.

Mrs. Lindsey Now Keeps House For Seven.

Tennille, Ga.—"I want to tell you how much I have been benefited by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. About eight years ago I got in such a low state of health I was unable to keep house for three in the family. I had dull, tired, dizzy feelings, cold feet and hands nearly all the time and could scarcely sleep at all. The doctor said I had a severe case of ulceration and without an operation I would always be an invalid, but I told him I wanted to wait awhile. Our druggist advised my husband to get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has entirely cured me. Now I keep house for seven and work in the garden some, too. I am so thankful I got this medicine. I feel as though it saved my life and have recommended it to others and they have been benefited".—Mrs. W. E. LINDSEY, R. R. 3, Tennille, Ga.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

Public Sale

Having bought a smaller farm and having more stock and implements than I will need on smaller place, I will sell at the John McDowell farm, 2½ miles northwest of Maryville, and 1½ miles north of the Burlington depot at Maryville, on

Tuesday, Dec. 11

The following property, commencing at 10 o'clock—

9 HEAD OF HORSES AND MULES.

2 span of coming 4-year-old mules, broke to work; 1 yearling mule; 1 3-year-old mare, a good one; 1 2-year-old horse; 1 smooth mouth horse, a big one; 1 smooth mouth mare.

20 HEAD OF CATLE.

4 milch cows, one fresh now, others to freshen first of February; 6 yearling heifers to freshen in January; 9 heifer calves. All of the above are extra good milch bred stuff.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

1,000 bushels extra good Reid's Yellow Dent corn; 200 to 300 bushels of late snapped corn; 400 bushels of oats; 15 tons baled hay; 10 tons baled oat straw.

IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

FORD 5-PASSENGER CAR; 2 gang plows; sulky plow; riding lister; 4 cultivators; 1 wagon; hay rack; corn planter; corn sheller; feed grinder; steel garage; 3 portable hog houses; hay derrick; 3 sets of work harness; 1 ACETYLENE LIGHT PLANT AT PRIVATE SALE.

Terms—$10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of 3, 6 or 9 months time on a bankable note bearing 8 per cent interest from date.

Geo. W. Aley

R. P. Hosmer, Auct. J. D. Richey, Clerk.

DEMOCRAT-FORUM Classified Ads

ARE TWO PHASED

You have to lead a hermit life to get away from the almost daily need of Democrat-Forum Classified Advertising. For it's come to mean real service—to stand for short cuts in so many phases of daily life. Democrat-Forum Classified Ads do more odd jobs than all the odd job men in the city—greater errands than messenger boys—and make sales that cannot be made economically in any other way.

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Classified ads running three days or more will be inserted in this column for one-half cent per word each insertion. No ads taken for less than 25c for three days.

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Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by 12 o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

These prices are for cash with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all want ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 21tf

FOR SALE AT AUCTION—Household goods Saturday, Dec. 8, at 3 o'clock, at first door north Christian church. C. M. Murdock. Goods all new and in good shape. Col. R. P. Hosmer, auct. 4-7*

FOR SALE—No. 5 Oliver Typewriters, cheap, on monthly payments. J. B. Jones, 418 West Second St. x

FOR SALE— Pure bred Duroc Jersey boars in good breeding condition. Oren N. Lanning, Barnard, phone No. 2105. 1tf

FOR SALE—Square piano in good condition. Call Hanamo phone 117. 5-7*

FOR SALE—Red sow and nine pigs; canned fruit and household goods. Mrs. Highbargar, 417 East First. 7-10

FOR SALE—60 acres 2½ miles south of Arkoe. 2 houses, barn 22x40, hen house, hog house, rock cave, 4 good wells, 400 rods woven wire fence, mile to good approved school. Terms, $1,750 down, balance on time. Martin Logan, route 3, Barnard. Telephone Arkoe. 3-8

FOR SALE—Moline Universal tractor with two 14-inch bottom gang plows. Hall's Implement store. 6-10

FOR SALE—1917 model Ford touring car; in A No. 1 shape. Has about $100 worth of extras on it. Call at Wray's garage. 7-13

FOR SALE — Cord wood, $4.00 per cord, good oak posts, $15 per hundred on ground; pole wood $3.00 per cord, at the Carr bridge. B. F. Mozingo, Hanamo phone 309. 6-12*

FOR SALE—A good heavy team of mules. Call M. P. Gingrich, Farmers phone 9-18. 6-8

FOR SALE — Gardner carburetors Detroit cartridge locks and gas tank guages. Install a Gardner carburetor on your Ford and we guarantee you can outrun any dog in the country. Hall's Implement store. 6-10

MISCELLANEOUS

FURS, FURS—I will pay highest prices for all kinds of furs, hides and junk. Satisfaction guaranteed. Maryville Iron and Metal Co. 27-7*

LOST—Off my car, here in town, Firestone Cord tire, rim and tube. Return to W. C. Pierce, Farmers Trust Co. 5-7

Electric metal wheel trucks delivered anywhere in Nodaway county with neck yoke, doubletree and singletrees for $40.00. Electric wagon boxes, delivered for $20.00. Call me. L. R. Holt. 26-10

DEERE, Model B, disc harrow 16x16 with tongue, truck and double trees for $60.00. Now don't hurry, but be quick. L. R. Holt. 26-10

PLUMBING—We make a specialty of installing modern plumbing in old houses and remodeling old plumbing; estimates free. Standard Plumbing Co., Hanamo 46.

FOR AUTO and Vehicle Painting, see J. W. Linneman. Shop 118 South Buchanan, Maryville. Satisfaction guaranteed. Hanamo 6338. 6-8

H. E. Browne of Hopkins was in Maryville on business yesterday.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Front rooms over South Side bakery, formerly occupied by U. S. Recruiting Station. Inquire of Kate Schenck, Hanamo 683. 30tf.

BUILDING FOR RENT—The Knox garage. Possession January 1. Also skating rink. See J. W. Holt. 7-10*

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for or without light housekeeping. Call Hanamo phone 3430. 6-8

WANTED

WANTED — A dishwasher at the New Linville Hotel. 5-7

WANTED—Good news correspondent at Burlington Junction, Hopkins, Skidmore, Barnard and Ravenwood. For further information write or call at Democrat-Forum office, Maryville, Mo.

WANTED—Five men over 32 with some experience in Missouri. Compensation $250 to $00 per month—limited only by ability of the man. Stetson Oil Co., Cleveland Ohio. 7*

LOST—Roman stripe crocheted bag containing tatting and scissors. Return to Democrat-Forum office. 6-8*

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Grain Market Future

Kansas City, Dec. 7. — CORN—December $1.26, May $1.19.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, Dec. 7.—CATTLE—Receipts 4,000, steers $9.00@$14.00, cows $5.00@$9.50.

HOGS — Receipts 8,000, top $17.40, bulk $17.30.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, Dec. 7. — CATTLE — Receipts 8,500, market lower.

HOGS—Receipts 31,000, market 5 lower, top $17.40.

St Joseph Live Stock

St. Joseph, Dec. 7.—CATTLE—Recepits 1,000, market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 7,000, market 5@10 lower, top $17.75.

OPPOSE FEDERAL CONTROL

Railroad Executives See No Need to Amend Law—Brotherhoods Fear Their Disorganization

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Organized opposition to the president taking over the railrodas as a war measure developed today in many quarters. Railroad executives argue there is no need of the present laws being amended. While the brotherhoods, though not openly stating their position, were inclined to side with the railroads, believing the government will disrupt the organizations.

Daniel Devezz Miller Joins Navy.

Daniel Devezz Miller made application for enlistment in the United States navy yesterday to Miss Virginia Lawson, local naval recruiting officer here. Mr. Miller will leave tonight, accompanied by his wife, for St. Louis, where he will take his physical examination.

Can Werensky Rally Forces?

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Stockholm, Dec. 7.—Kerensky is reported in hiding and trying to rally the loyal forces.

THE SISSON LOAN & TITLE CO.
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI
Real Estate, Loans and Insurance
Counting Rooms Over Nodaway Valley Bank
Best Terms Ever Offered—See Us.

HANDICAP OF FINGER SPEECH

Nighthawk Husband Turns Out Electric Light to Stop Wife's Curtain Lecture.

Domestic courts as a rule do not grant injunctions against the practices of offending husbands, but once in a while they are asked for. A man and his wife, both deaf mutes, were in court recently in New York. Their earnest digital gyrations and contortions convinced the presiding magistrate that an interpreter was needed, and one was summoned. Through him the man spoke first. His principal desire, it appeared, was that anything his wife might say should be largely discounted. He had known her for many years, he spelled on his fingers, and during that period she had rarely been right on any subject.

The wife proved more interesting when it came her turn to testify. She wanted an injunction. Why? And there the interpreter had to do fast receiving to catch all her wagwagging. "She says that her husband comes home late every night," relayed the interpreter. "and nearly always he is half-stewed. She says that when he gets in she starts to tell him in sign language what she thinks of him, and his late hours, and that he won't even let her talk. That's what she wants an injunction for—against his cruelty in stopping her from bawling him out." "What does he do?" asked the magistrate. "Choke her?" "No, your honor; she says that whenever he gets tired of listening he reaches up and turns out the electric light."

TYPHOID GERMS ARE PETTED

Fed With Agar Jelly, Specially Prepared and Very Costly—Millions of Soldiers Inoculated.

Millions of the allied soldiers in France have been inoculated against typhoid fever since the war began.

In order to prepare the lymph which is used for the purpose of rendering them immune to this deadly disease, perfectly pure cultivations of the typhoid bacillus have to be made.

These are obtained by artificially breeding the microbes in government-controlled laboratories. The deadly germs are kept in little glass tubes, carefully sterilized, and are fed with agar jelly, an exceedingly expensive substance which comes from Japan, where it is prepared from a particular species of seaweed.

Nothing can exceed the care and attention that is lavished on these lothsome little organisms by the scientists in charge of them.

The typhoid microbe is not a very little fellow as microbes go. There are others far smaller. Nevertheless if a pin's head were a hollow capsule it would hold four hundred million typhoid bacilli, a colony of living organisms about equal in point of numbers to the combined population of the United States of America, Russia, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom.

What a Railroad Did.

Let me cite one instance of what the building of a railroad has meant, writes B. C. Forbes in Leslie's. Montana had always been regarded as a grazing state until A. J. Earling, president of the St. Paul railroad, while traveling over the state by horseback, spent a night at a ranch and noticed a bumper field of wheat next morning. The owner confided that he had raised similar yields for over ten years without one bad crop, but had not gone in for wheat raising on a large scale because he was 60 miles from the nearest railroad. Mr. Earling's peregrinations convinced him that, although there had scarcely been a furrow plowed in the whole Judith Basin at that time, it could be developed into one of the greatest wheat-growing sections in the world. Last year, thanks to the St. Paul's railroad building, the Judith Basin, extending some 200 miles east and west and 160 miles north and south, produced the greatest part of the 22,000,000 bushels of wheat grown in Montana, as well as a large part of the 62,000,000 bushels of all grain marketed by Montana, placing it among the foremost grain-growing states.

Living Failure in Show Window.

A living example of "a failure" was exhibited in the show window of a vacant store in St. Louis by a correspondence school as an advertising scheme.

A disheveled man past the prime of life, wearing worn and dirty clothes, with dirty hands, uncombed hair, and scrawny mustache, and a leer on his face, sat at a table, such as might be in the back room of a saloon playing solitaire with a greasy deck of cards. On the table beside him was an empty whisky bottle. On the window was a large sign reading: "A failure. This man is a failure because he wasted his spare time."

Another Objector.

Pa—I am afraid that boy of ours has been reading some of this German propaganda.

Ma—Why so?

Pa—When I took him out to the woodshed just now he said he didn't think relatives ought to fight relatives. —Judge.

Kills Microbes.

Large quantities of hydrochloride of soda are now being used in the laundry of a certain hospital for destroying micro-organisms and removing stains, without appreciably injuring the fabrics. This solution is prepared by the electrolysis of a 4 per cent solution of common salt and water.

WAS KITCHENER'S OWN CITY

Khartoum Rebuilt by British Leader After It Had Been Sacked by Dervishes on Their Retreat.

A sentimental interest will always attach to Khartoum, for it is Kitchener's city. He fought his way to it up the Nile, to find the old town blasted, sacked and destroyed by the dervishes, writes a correspondent. He is said to have drawn the plans for the new Khartoum on the sand with his own hand, and the engineers set to work the same day to build it up. The streets and squares are laid out in the design of a monster Union Jack.

All that was only in 1898, but the new Khartoum is already a place of beauty and importance. There are many groves of noble trees, a feature only to be appreciated by the desert dweller, for the dervishes were not schooled in the refinements of modern warfare. They sacked the town on their retreat, but they failed to girdle the trees. They were only ignorant savages and they did their best, but thanks to their unfamiliarity with modern methods, Khartoum has some beautiful groves today. There are rose gardens, too, that were planted by the unfortunate Gordon himself.

The Blue Nile runs past the city; river gunboats helped Kitchener to encompass its fall. The White Nile is only a few miles away. These two great arteries of trade stretch their way southward into the unknown and northward flows the united river toward Cairo and the Mediterranean. The trade of the town is augmented by all manner of parties from the savage interior, and about Khartoum are native villagers built after the fashion of all the tribes of the Sudan. The people are drawn from all the ends of Africa, negroes and Arabs, and from Europe and Asia come Syrians, Greeks and Copts. The upper classes are Egyptians in commercial circles; in the political and administrative world the English, of course, are dominant. It is a strange and cosmopolitan city that has grown from the plan that Kitchener sketched on the sand, with the dead of the last day's fighting still unburied on the plain.

UNEARTHLY WAS THIS MUSIC

German Publication Reprimanded by Press Agent for Mistranslation of Adjective "Heavenly."

The censorship of foreign language publications by the post office department won't be at all offensive to one of the musical comedies which recently opened in New York. And if the censorship can extend to the point of gathering altogether a certain German periodical, then the press agent will be even stronger for the government.

His animosity dates back to the hand-painted account of the opening of his play, which he wrote and sent out some twelve hours before the curtain was raised on the premiere. However, his description of the charms of the chorus, the plot, the scenery and the personnel of the audience didn't suffer on account of anything like that.

On the question of the beauty of the music he was especially grandiloquent, and when he called up the German editorial offices the next morning he felt that his grievance was just. But there they told him he had used a part of his own copy, without changing a single word, merely translating it into German.

"Oh, you did!" raved the young press agent, and his voice instinctively told that he was tearing his hair. "I wrote that the music was heavenly—and your blamed translation made it say that the 'music was unearthly!'"

Growth of Y. M. C. A.

In 1916 there were 2,757 Young Men's Christian associations in North America, with a total membership of 689,023. They owned 782 plants and buildings valued at $83,263,469, and aggregate property, including real and personal, at over $106,000,000. The local associations with 4,353 secretaries and other paid officers, showed an enrollment of 152,160 men and boys in Bible courses, and 82,358 others in educational courses. The total operating expenses for all the associations was $15,812,250. New buildings costing all together more than $6,000,000 were opened during the year, and by the end of the year $8,900,000 had been pledged toward the erection of more than 40 additional buildings.

Dogs Saved Boy From Bear.

Two small pet dogs saved the life of their thirteen-year-old master, Bruno Westerman of St. Paul, when Teddy, a pet black bear, attacked the boy.

As the bear seized the boy the dogs gave battle and Teddy dropped the child and sought refuge in a near-by tree.

Carl, the sixteen-year-old brother, finally killed the bear with ten shots from a shotgun and a fusillade from a .22-caliber revolver. The brother retreated to the house to protect the mother, and from an upper window opened fire on Teddy, who had taken to a tree after he wounded Bruno and the dogs gave him battle.

Of Small Account.

"Over 2,000,000 iron crosses have been given out by the German authorities." We doubt if the German soldiers place any great value on these crosses. We recall a good-natured old German who spent the declining years of his life in Toledo. One day, with due modesty, he showed an iron cross he had won in the Franco-Prussian war. "You may have it," he said quietly. "It means nothing to me."—Toledo Blade.

PUT CORN INTO PORK

NODAWAY HOG RAISERS URGED TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

FATS NEEDED FOR ARMY

H. R. Prather of Tarkio Will Discuss Problems at Meeting Monday at the Court House

Nodaway county hog raisers who are interested in a larger production of hogs and the best methods to secure increased production are urged to attend the public meeting Monday afternoon at the court house, when H. R. Prather of Tarkio, representing the government food administration and the agricultural department of the Missouri University, will discuss some of the problems.

Missouri farmers are being asked to keep their corn and market it in pork, in the campaign for increased pork production which is being conducted in the state. This campaign is a part of the nation-wide movement to increase the total supply of pork products 15 per cent in order to meet the increased demand due to the war.

The importance of pork and pork products was not fully realized until it became apparent that fats were to be had in large quantities easiest and quickest in the form of pork. Then the hog readily assumed a foremost position in the schedule of the food administration. At this late hour we are brought face to face with the fact that we must produce more pork or else the boys at the front will suffer, and their ability as fighters be diminished. But their suffering will come after home folks have felt the sting of hunger for this all important part of every American's menu.

A Patriotic Service.

Now that Missouri has a big corn crop, estimated to be double that of 1916, Missouri farmers can perform no more patriotic service than that of feeding this corn, or else preparing to feed it by increasing the number of brood sows and giving them better attention in order to raise more pigs. Furthermore, Missouri is expected to greatly increase her pork production.

The Missouri campaign for increased pork production has already touched many of the foremost hog counties. Speakers of many years' experience as successful breeders and farmers are carrying the food administration's message calling for "more pork" to the people. Armed with the statement of the administration that it means to do justice to the farmer, these speakers are meeting with good audiences and hearty response.

A TOURNAMENT TO DECIDE

High School Basket Ball Players in Elimination Process to Get First Team Members

The High School basket ball season promises to be even more interesting than last. About forty men have reported for practice and more will probably report later. A tournament will be arranged soon and all men will play on some team. After the tournament is over a squad of men will be chosen to make up the first team.

With two men left from last year's team and plenty o fgood material at hand, Coach Schultz has optimistic views for a successful season. The schedule has not yet been arranged. Forward seems to be the hardest place to fill, but there are plenty of candidates for the other positions.

SOLVE LABOR PROBLEM.

M. E. Church Ladies' Aid Society of Elmo Spends Five Days in Fields.

According to this week's Elmo Register, the ladies of the M. E. church have donned mitts, husking pegs and hooks and spent five days of the last two weeks in the corn fields near Elmo. Tuesday was a record breaker for them. Three hundred and forty bushels were gathered for which they received $20.40. In all, 1,183 bushels have been gathered and when interviewed the ladies declared they had a most comfortable feeling when they found that by this they had added $71 to their treasury.

Return With Buick Cars.

George McMurry, Kyle Phares, Frank Schumacher, Eugene Yehle, Theodore and Ralph Palmer, Ralph Moyer and Chris Malam returned last night from Flint, Mich., with eight new Buick cars. Mr. McMurry reports a fine trip and says they had fine roads most all the way. The trip was made in five and one-half days.

Miss Myrtle King of Bolckow was a guest today of Mrs. ade Ross of Maryville.

Your Boy

Your Girl

Make this a great Christmas for them. Give one or both of them something that they will always have with them and constantly remind them of the happy Christmas on which they received it.

What better could you think of to fill this bill than a WATCH? Our watch stock is unusual because of the care with which it was selected. There isn't an unworthy timepiece in the lot. Every watch was bought for what it IS, and it will be sold on the same terms. The price range is from $1.35 to $75.00.

Our time is at your disposal.

H. L. Raines
JEWELER AND OPTICIAN
110 W 3RD ST. JUST A STEP PAST MAIN
MARYVILLE, MO.

OLD SANTA BUSY THIS YEAR

Letters From the Kiddies Will Reach Him Through the Democrat-Forum, However

In today's issue of the Democrat-Forum appears the first of the Santa Claus letters. These letters will appear in the Democrat-Forum at intervals from now until Christmas day. Every small boy and girl who wishes to send a message to dear old St. Nick, is offered this chance. Just bring or mail your letter to the 'Santa Claus Editor'' of the Democrat-Forum. If you mail the letter at the post office, place a two cent stamp on the letter, for it costs more to mail a letter this year than last year. But the better way would be to bring the letter to the Democrat-Forum office and then it will not be necessary to place a stamp on the letter. Write only on one side of each sheet of paper. You see, Santa Claus is busier this year than ever before. He must provide the soldier boys in camp as well as those in the trenches in France and other fronts with presents. Just the soldier boys who are fighting the Huns will receive presents. So send your letters to the Democrat-Forum and they will be printed and then forwarded to Santa Claus.

Red Cross Seals Campaign.

The children of the public schools are beginning today their annual Red Cross seals campaign. Last year Maryville was one of the few towns in the state which sold more than ten seals per pupil enrolled in school. Altogether they sold last year in the entire community, $112.86. The pupils are going to make a big effort to beat their last year's record.

The people of Maryville who want to help this work along will be doing the children a favor in buying from them. In case you do buy direct from headquarters ask that the Maryville school be credited with the sale.

Miss Elma Wright of Ottawa, Kan., is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. O. Shipps, and family, of East Second street.

B. F. Smart, who has been attending the school for bakers and cooks at Camp Funston, is back in Maryville to remain during the winter. Mr. Smart will cater to the public in parties and dinners. Phone Hanamo 3326, residence 523 West 5th street. *

ARMY SHOES GET THE CALL

Civilians Take to the Kind of Footwear the Soldiers Are Required to Wear

Army shoes are having a call in Maryville and dealers say they are selling many pairs of these shoes. They are the standard military shoe, the kind worn by soldiers. Talk about comfort. Every man who buys a pair of these shoes declares they are the only kind and that he will never buy any other kind of shoes. The shoes are tan in color.

One dealer is also showing ''army style'' shoes for women. They have a belted upper with heels cut on the bias. They are both classy and sensible.

A PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Interesting Program at Meeting of Skidmore Parents and Teachers

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Skidmore met Tuesday, December 4. A very interesting program was given. Among the papers read were: "What the Parent Expects of the Teacher," which expressed the desirability of every child having the sympathy of the teacher, and in the talk on "What the Teacher Expects of the Parent," which stated the need of good equipment, higher salaries, encouragement and co-operation.

Mr. Hunt, pastor of the Christian church of Savannah, made an interesting talk, comparing the associations of Skidmore and Savannah.

Fear Packing House Strike.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

St. Louis, Dec. 7. — Packing house strike is feared unless the government intervenes to avert it. The strike vote returns received here show the men are united.

Held for Investigation.

Clyde Horn, living between Burlington Junction and Elmo, is being held for investigation by Sheriff Dowden at the request of the sheriff at Sidney, Iowa.

Artillery Fire Increases.

London, Dec. 7.—German artillery fire in the Orape sector is increasing, says the wa rroffice.

English Birdmen to Italy.

Washington, Dec. 7.—An hundred British aviators arrived at the Italian front on a long flight, it was announced today.

HUDSON & WELCH
NORTH SIDE HARDWARE MEN
THE STORE WITH RIGHT PRICES